



# JUDICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 @6:00 p.m.

Webster Community Center

7421 Main Street West

## *VILLAGE OF WEBSTER*

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** –Judicial Chairman, Charlie Weis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **PRESENT** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; Chairman/Trustee, Charlie Weis; and Trustees, Bill Summer and Aaron Sears. Others Present: Police Chief, Stephenie Wedin; Municipal Court Judge, Brian Sears and Municipal Court Clerk, Tessa Anderson.
- III. **MUNICIPAL COURT REVIEW** –See attached Municipal Court Statistics spreadsheet. SDC activity for March has been great. Tessa mentioned that again collections from MN are tough due to lack of SS# and driver's license#. Truancy leads all categories for the last 3 months. Tessa and Chief Wedin discussed adding administration fees to issued tickets to help offset court costs. They also discussed posting the top 10 (based on total \$\$ fines) offenders in local papers to make them want to clear up their names and in turn increase revenues. Tessa also discussed using Ship Chase Collection agency (from Dallas TX) for collections. Skip Chase provides collections of fines by allowing the person to set up a payment option.
- IV. **OFFICER HIRING UPDATE** - Chief Wedin said that Mr. Selle had accepted a position with County Dispatch. There was discussion about the use of a psychological evaluations in the future. Chief Wedin preferred not to use them, but Trustee Summer questioned this. Without a psychological evaluation how is the village covered if there is an issue. Summer said without something on record of mental capability the village would be open to “Negligent Hiring”. After more discussion on this it was decided by Chief that she would get input from Village legal lawyer, Mindy Dale and decide on this issue then. (Side bar, Mindy has moved to a new law firm, new firm is von Briesen & Roper in Eau Claire). This will be an agenda item on next quarterly judicial review.

President Roberts mentioned that he had been in touch with some students that might be interested in working in law enforcement. Names were exchanged with the chief, who will talk to these individuals to measure level of interest and to let them know that the village may extend paying for their schooling.

Chief said that she has used and will be using Derek on some shifts soon.
- V. **RADAR SIGNS** - Trustee Weis asked for an update on the radar signs. Chief said that it has been an issue of slow shipping. The signs have been tied up in a slow supply chain issue. Chief did expect them to be delivered the next week.

- VI. USING SQUARE SYSTEM TO PAY TRAFFIC TICKETS** - Trustee Weis asked the Chief about the status of getting the system up and running. Chief said that the software was all set up and ready but that she just needed to purchase the units. She was not sure about where to purchase for the best price and service. Trustee Summer stated that he had purchased Square for his business and would get the units purchased and submit the bill for cost.
- VII. TRIBAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT** - Chief Wedin had received a copy of a Mutual Aid Agreement from Frank Taylor, Tribal Chief, and he was asking to have it signed and returned. This agreement says that if a Tribal officer sees an infraction in the law within the village limits of Webster, that they (tribal) have the rights to act, with the support of the village. Chief is not in favor of agreement (and has not signed it in the past) due to vague terminology in the agreement. It was agreed not to sign the agreement at this time. The Chief stated that she will send this agreement to legal (Mindy Dale) for review and recommendations.
- VIII. PROPERTY ITEMS** - President Roberts stated that he had been approached concerning some properties in the village. First, 7428 Fir St, and 26710 Bluegill Ave, look abandoned and should be cleaned up. Trustee Weis said he would investigate letters or condemnation notices for these. Also, at 7446 Fir St a dog grooming business is being run out of shed in the back yard and does not have a business license. Trustee Weis will investigate this matter.
- IX. BODY CAMERA VIDEO STORAGE** - Chief wants to start using the Veritone Redact system to store all body video. The advantage is that this system saves directly to the "cloud". Unlimited storage and less maintenance required by the department. Chief will acquire more information and report back at next quarterly review.
- X. FUTURE MEETING** - Tuesday, June 21, 2022
- XI. ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn by Jeff; seconded by Aaron, adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlie Weis*

Judicial Chairman

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\*\*\*These minutes are subject to approval at next month's Regular Meeting.