

CITY OF TWO HARBORS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
February 13, 2020

4:00 P.M. Call to order and Roll call.

Appearances.

Other.

New Business:

- Department Updates
 - Constituent Feedback
 - Open Dialogue
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1. We've heard updates from the THPD & THFD, but perhaps hear a word from the Sheriff as well and an update from that department.
 2. The deer hunt this fall - Have Mr. Aug possibly come in to share a breakdown of the numbers, the successes, and problems or issues that arose, if any?
 3. Ben Redden has mentioned the MN refugee initiative. Would the THPD have information to share about that, what - if anything - is being done on our end, or what TH could do to help?
 4. The incident at the Minnie a few weeks back - What has/is being done (granted, we may not be meeting for a week or two) about that in particular? But also there is the ongoing issue of those same kids still loitering, lingering, and littering at the playground. Ben even says they have harassed his kids and others who want to play there and are noisy there very late into the night...bad language & etc. I know law enforcement was patrolling it during the summer, have they continued? This seems to be a real problem & worsening into a toxic 'cocktail' for bad behavior & situations. (Random thought: will there potentially be better lighting there after the city & county do the street repairs there? Could there be?)
 5. Hear an update from the schools, Mr. Archer and Mr. Belcastro. What new things (if any) are they doing regarding student safety? What changes would they like to see made? Are there plans to update the procedures they already have? (I know

last year Jay & Dr. Crandall talked of potentially moving the District Office to where the main School Office is & putting the School Office up in front instead as an added safety feature...) Have they any needs from or questions for the city? Would they be interested in giving an update & a list of objectives for 2020 as well? Mr. Archer has said he would like to attend & have a discussion about this. I can ask Mr. Belcastro to attend as well. I will wait to hear back from you before I reach out to them with the meeting date and time.

6. Our tornado/weather siren that is still defunct; I'm forgetting the background of why it stopped working. I know it used to when I moved here. What are options if any in getting that up & running again? What are the reasons stopping it? Funds? Outdated equipment?

Other.

Adjourn.

January 30, 2020

Honorable John Harrington
Commissioner of Public Safety
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1000
St. Paul MN 55101

Commissioner Harrington:

As the elected mayors of our respective Iron Range communities we are reaching out to you to express our frustration with the recent increase of our Range communities patrol by MN State Patrol troopers. While we certainly appreciate the services of the State Patrol, we all have either local city police departments or have contracted for law enforcement services with our county sheriff's department. Recently our communities are seeing more engagement by State Patrol officers issuing citations within our city limits a practice that has not been the norm across the Range.

Of concern is that the prosecution of these citations becomes the responsibility of our local cities and impacts our budgets while also implying that our local police departments are not doing their job. Our departments have to our knowledge always maintained a cooperative and respectful relationship with the State Patrol and we expect that will continue, but we respectfully ask why this increase in State Patrol activities is occurring and if so under whose direction.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our concern and certainly are willing to discuss further on a more personal basis if you prefer. Please reach out to Steve Giorgi at RAMS (Range Association of Municipalities & Schools) and he will make arrangements for a conference call or meeting.

Sincerely,

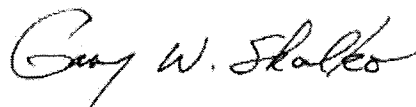
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