

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES January 13, 2025 @6:30 PM
Village Hall-740 Hillgrove Avenue-Presidents Chamber
Western Springs, Il. 60558

Present: Chair Lewis, Member Chen, President Rudolph, Assistant Village Manager Biernacki, Director Scott, Director Koza, and Director Gilhooley.

Chair Lewis moved to open the committee meeting, seconded by Member Chen. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Lewis and Member Chen. The Public Health and Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Agenda Items

1. **Approval of Minutes (October 28, 2024):**

Chair Lewis moved, seconded by Member Chen, to approve the meeting minutes from October 28, 2024, as read. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Lewis and Member Chen. Voting nay: None.

2. **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

3. **New Business:**

1. **Safe Routes to School Village-Wide Travel Plan RFQ and Agreement with Epstein:**

Assistant Village Manager Biernacki discussed the Safe Routes to School Village-Wide Travel Plan RFQ and the agreement with Epstein. They explained that in 2024, the Village was awarded a \$75,000 Safe Routes to School Grant to develop a Village-wide school travel plan. This plan will focus on improving walking, biking, and awareness for students, while reviewing current school drop-off procedures. The Village advertised the RFQ on the Village website and local newspaper and received four proposals from interested firms. After reviewing the qualifications and after interviews with the firms, Village staff selected Epstein for the project. The cost of the project will be slightly below the grant amount. Chair Lewis moved, seconded by Member Chen. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Lewis and Member Chen.

2. **License Plate Reader (LPR) Agreements with LTHS District 204 and Timber Trail HOA:**

Director Gilhooley discussed the LPR agreements with Lyons Township High School District 204 and the Timber Trail Homeowners Association. These agreements will allow for the installation of a three-inch by eight to ten-foot metal pole with license plate reader equipment. The Village of Western Springs will retain ownership of the pole and equipment following installation. Chair Lewis moved, seconded by Member Chen. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Lewis and Member Chen.

3. Purchase of an Ambulance:

Director Scott discussed the purchase of a new ambulance to replace the nearly 19-year-old Western Springs Fire Department ambulance. A specifications committee, including Municipal Fleet Services and Fire Department personnel, evaluated the ambulance needs. After reviewing several manufacturers, the committee chose the 2026 Horton Conversion Ambulance mounted on a Ford F-550 4x4 chassis. The ambulance will be purchased from Foster Coach Sales, Inc. Due to production backlogs, the ambulance will not be available for 2 ½ to 3 years. Member Chen moved, seconded by Chair Lewis. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Lewis and Member Chen.

4. Other Business:

None.

5. Adjournment:

Member Chen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chair Lewis. The motion was passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Gilhooley
Director of Law Enforcement Services