



Village of Bayside
9075 N Regent Road
Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2021
Village Board Room, 5:00pm

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Zitzer called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Chairperson: Margaret Zitzer
Committee Members: Mike Barth
Darren Fisher
Roy Dietsch-excused

Also present: Village Manager, Andy Pederson
Police Chief, Doug Larsson
Lester Maresh Fellow, Gina Vlach
Mark & Laurie Pasch

II. BUSINESS

1. Discussion/action on Appeal by Mark Pasch Ltd. on false alarms Pursuant to Section 11-29(f) of the Municipal Code.

Trustee Zitzer requested that Chief Larsson provide information about the incidents in question.

Chief Larsson explained that the ordinance states that there is a fine associated with false alarms beyond the first one. He stated that the first alarm was in March with subsequent false alarms on June 14th and July 29th.

Manager Pederson stated that the threshold used is that, if a call is made to dispatch indicating that it is a false alarm before resources are deployed, then the fee may not be assessed. All three of the false alarms had resources deployed. Manager Pederson stated that false alarms are a common occurrence in the Village.

Trustee Fisher asked for Chief Larsson to explain the protocol after the first alarm.

Chief Larsson stated that a letter is sent to the property owner and this occurrence is recorded in their records.

Trustee Zitzer asked if the most recent alarms were user error. Mr. Mark Pasch stated that he is not sure. Mr. Pasch stated that he contacted the alarm company and they came out and tested the alarm after the first alarm. Mr. Pasch stated that the second person of contact was the Police Department should he not be available and he did not know that until recently. He has since had the Police Department removed from the list of contacts.

Trustee Barth questioned if there is nothing wrong with the alarm, then doesn't it have to be user error. Mr. Pasch stated that the company stated that it could be due to power surges. Mr. Pasch stated the company was out July 16 and they still stated that the system was ok.

Manager Pederson stated that in the past, that other situations like this, the business owner may be able to recoup some of the fee cost from the alarm company.

Trustee Fisher asked what remedy Mr. Pasch is seeking. Mr. Pasch stated that the fine for the false alarm is far too excessive. Mr. Pasch stated he is willing to pay something, but that he feels that it is simply too high.

Trustee Zitzer clarified that two fees are being appealed.

Motion by Trustee Fisher, seconded by Trustee Barth to waive the second false alarm fee but uphold the third false alarm fee.

Motion by Trustee Fisher, seconded by Trustee Barth, to amend to waive the third false alarm fee but uphold the second false alarm fee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Fisher, seconded by Trustee Barth, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Vlach, Lester Maresh Fellow