

***SHARED POLICE SERVICES COMMITTEE***

LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby  
Meeting Minutes  
May 29, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Voting & Quorum Members Present:

LaSalle Police Chief Rob Uranich, LaSalle Finance Director John Duncan, Peru Mayor Scott Harl, Peru Alderman Dave Potthoff, Peru Police Chief Doug Bernabei, Oglesby Commissioner Tom Porter, Oglesby Police Chief Jim Knoblauch, Oglesby City Clerk Stacie Mertes.

Absent: LaSalle Mayor Jeff Grove, LaSalle Alderman Tom Ptak, Peru Finance Director Justin Miller, Oglesby Mayor Don Finley

Chief Bernabei called the IVRD Special Meeting to order. Melissa Cruthers took roll call.

A motion was made by DAVE POTTHOFF and seconded by TOM PORTER to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2018 regular Meeting. All ayes

Chairman Knoblauch opened the meeting for public comments on agenda items only. There were none.

Under New Business Chief Uranich updated the committee on the Buildings and Grounds subcommittee. He said that there was no meeting scheduled and no one has presented property to him. If a City would like to he said they can present it to the fill committee. Alderman Pothoff from Peru stated that Peru has a property they would like to present. It is the former CVS site. Located at the southeast corner of Shooting Park Road and Route 251. Alderman Pothoff presented a handout to the committee. Oglesby Commissioner Porter said that Oglesby has a proposed property on the IVCC outlaying land. Finance Director Duncan said LaSalle does not have a proposed property at this time.

Chief Knoblauch said that a special meeting needs to be set up to discuss the properties. A motion was made by DOUG BERNAEBI and seconded by DAVE POTTHOFF to set a special meeting for Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Peru Municipal Building to present the proposed properties. All ayes.

Chief Bernabei gave an Operations Committee report. He presented to the committee a report of similarly sized agencies and where LPO would compare if they went down to 45 personnel. The comparison chart was from Northern Illinois areas similar in size geographically. A motion was made by DOUG BERNABEI and seconded by ROB URANICH to place on file the comparison report of similarly situated sized agencies on ratio of sworn officers for 1000 population. All ayes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julie Ajster addressed the committee. She asked in regards to the study presented by Chief Bernabei, no reference of who did the report was made. She said that the savings were only available by reducing the number of officers and she feels it's not taking into consideration the size of the area. She pointed out Ottawa might have less officers but they are smaller than the LPO area and has the Sheriff's department to help back up any needs they might have. Julie presented research from the U.S Dept of Justice along with the International Association of Chiefs of Police. She feels Chief Bernabei's comparison chart isn't in line with the research she found and presented.

Chief Knoblauch said that the Sheriff's Department does not back up Ottawa they probably get back up from Streator.

Chief Bernabei responded to Julie that the research was compiled by the administrative assistant of the Peru Police Department. He asked Julie how many she thinks they need. She responded 56 officers.

Chief Bernabei asked Julie Ajster if she was a tax payer in Peru, LaSalle or Oglesby. She responded no.

Officer Aaron Buffo addressed the committee. He said he is familiar with IVRD and feels they don't get proper information from dispatchers. He feels that if all the officers are dealing with one event it would take more than 5 minutes to respond to another incident. He said it does take several minutes for IVRD to dispatch a call, he can see it on his screen prior to them contacting him.

Chief Bernabei asked how another dispatch officer can help if that one dispatcher is typing up the call. Officer Buffo said he is told often when he gets a call that he needs to hold on for more information if he isn't in front of his computer looking at it. Chief Bernabei said that he needs to report the issues every time they happen.

Police Union Representative Bruce Wisnieski asked if the IGA was passed yet. Chief Knoblauch said No and that they attorneys are working on it now.

Finance Director John Duncan said that he submitted the invoices to Oglesby, Peru and LaSalle for payments. He also asked for a Finance Report spot on the agenda so he can give the committee updates. He also said that he has two invoices from Klein, Thorpe, and Jenkins and he will pay those. At the next meeting he will present all the bills to be approved.

Chairman Knoblauch asked if there were any more comments, there were none.

A motion was made by TOM PORTER and seconded by DAVE POTTHOFF to adjourn the meeting at 11:24.m. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.