

SHARED POLICE SERVICES COMMITTEE

LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby
Special Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4th Street, Peru, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

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, Peru Finance Director Justin Miller, Oglesby Mayor Don Finley, Oglesby Police Chief Jim Knoblauch, Oglesby City Clerk Stacie Mertes. Absent: LaSalle Mayor Jeff Grove, LaSalle Alderman Tom Ptak, Oglesby Commissioner Tom Porter

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

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

New business:

Justin Miller from the City of Peru presented Peru's proposed site. The site is the old Jewel Building. Attached to the minutes is the presentation that Justin showed. Highlights of the property include: the property is 19 acres with 8 of those acres being buildable. There is 150 feet of front build on the site. The drive time from Oglesby city hall to the site is 9 mins, from LaSalle city hall is 6 mins, and Peru city hall is 5 mins. Roads around the property include Mall Drive, 16th St. and a possible right in right out off of 251. The property cost Peru \$325,000, the demo will cost Peru \$350,000. The rest of the property readiness would be shared through the LPO Shared Service.

Jim Clinard, from Chamlin and Associates, presented Oglesby's proposed sites. Jim Clinard showed 3 potential sites. Attached to the minutes is the presentation that Jim showed. He mentioned that there are no large demo costs and utility costs. Travel times from North site to JC Whitney is 14 mins, South- 11 mins, and South 2- 12 mins. Center of the population is Joliet St and in most cases it takes 6-8 mins from all three locations. A big plus to the sites is that it's a lower traffic area with more privacy for victims and less exposure when transferring prisoners. The total lot of land is owned by IVCC. Jerry Corcoran, Illinois Valley Community College President, spoke to the committee and public on behalf of the City of Oglesby. Jerry's biggest concern is school safety and he feels that having the shared services close to the college will help with school safety. He said that it would be great for all areas services along with students and staff. He said students would benefit from it being close to the college and would allow them to potentially work hands on with the shared services. Also, it would allow easy access for current officers to have continued education. He said that the college does not have a price tag for the land and he feels that the college and shared services can reach an agreement of some sort. He

said that the college is set for growth, the high school penetration is high and this would make IVCC the safest community college in the nation.

Alderman Potthoff asked Jerry is there was a price. Jerry said there is no price for it, maybe a lease for \$1 for 20 years?

Chief Uranich asked Jerry how many acres is available. Jerry said whatever we needed. Chief Knoblauch followed up with asking if we are limited to the number of acres. Jerry said no.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Knoblauch asked if there were any public comments

Art Giese asked where the center of the population was. Jim Clinard answered it is west of Chartres/Airport Road and South to Rt.6. Jim also said while doing research for this project he found that in Decatur II their station was far south of town by their lake. He found that they were no more than 14 minutes away from any point and that it doesn't really matter where the population was its how quickly you can get to where you need to go.

Julie Ajster asked what the total acreage was for the Oglesby site and is there room for expansion. Jim Clinard said there is plenty of room for expansion because there is 150 acres of land there. Julie then asked if the college was planning on expanding. Jerry Corcoran said not that he plans. Julie then asked if the access off 251 would be available for the Oglesby site. Jim Clinard said yes and that IDOT said it was allowable.

Julie Ajster then asked about how much land was buildable on the Peru site. Justin Miller answered that there is 8 buildable acres. She then asked how they would access it if they did not get the allowance from IDOT for the 251 access. Justin responded via Shooting Park Road. Julie followed up with asking if Peru has even been approves access allowances before. Justin said yes and that Midtown Road is an example.

Robert Thompson commented that in the past RT 251 and RT 351 have been flooded with no access in the past years and that there are only 3 access points to Oglesby and that could cause problems and delays.

John Macleod commented that he agrees that the Peru Police department is falling apart, that the Oglesby station is small and LaSalle is inside a historic building. He said that if Peru can't get 251 access it would be difficult and that where it's proposed is not a great place to put it.

Julie Ajster asked if the shared service committee has sent out questionnaires to officers on locations. Chief Knoblauch said no but they have 3 experienced Chiefs on the board and that maybe in the future that is something they would do.

Mayor Finley commented that the officers aren't respond from the building. They will be out patrolling.

Alderman Potthoff asked the Chiefs to talk about how the shared services zoning would work. Chief Bernabei informed the public of zone policing. He said most agencies do zone policing. The officers stay in their zone unless approved to leave. He said that officers now basically have their desk in the car with them and really don't go to the station that often.

Peru Police Officer Amy Sines asked if the cities would help plow rat 251 if needed since the State is slow with plowing. Chief Bernabei responded yes of course.

Julie Ajster asked if the new building is for chiefs, dispatchers, and records why couldn't you use the current buildings and split things between them.

Chief Bernabei said they will be there sometime. More often than not they are out on patrol.

With zone policing they would take turns doing reports and other tasks at the station.

Julie Ajster responded that if they are out of the station most of the time why can't you use the current locations? Bernabei said that Peru is in desperate need of a safe modern facility. Chief Knoblauch said Oglesby was never designed to be a police station and the interior offices is hodge podged together. Chief Uranich said that LaSalle is small with little usable space.

Sherry Mayszak asked if Oglesby officers will patrol Peru and LaSalle and vice versa.

Chief Knoblauch responded possibly and that it was an operations question. Chief Uranich said that they do it already.

Julie Ajster asked if IVRD will be in the new facility. John Duncan said it has not been determined at this time. She then asked if there are any grants available if they are on the IVCC grounds and that it might be something to look into. John Duncan said they haven't looked into it at this time.

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

Knoblauch announced that the next shared services meeting will be on Tuesday June 26 at 11am at the Peru Municipal Building.

A motion was made by DAVE POTTHOFF and seconded by ROB URANICH to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.