

CITY OF MARINETTE PUBLIC SAFETY & CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 03/20/23

1. 2nd Ward Alderperson Jeffrey Skorik, City of Marinette Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee Chairperson, **called the meeting to order** at 05:31 PM in the Marinette City Hall Common Council Chambers, 1905 Hall Avenue, Marinette WI.
2. **Upon a call of the roll** it was determined a quorum of committee members were present and the following attendance was recorded:
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderpersons Skorik, Klegin, Wolfe, Flatt and Mikutowski.
ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Genisot; Fire Chief Heckel; Police Chief LaCombe and Building Inspector Demlow.
3. **Approve Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee Meeting minutes.**
Alderpersons Flatt moved/Klegin seconded and motion to approve, as submitted, the City of Marinette Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee from 12/20/22 regular meeting and special meeting of 2/7/23.
4. **Police Department activity report.**
Police Chief LaCombe prepared and included within today's meeting agenda packet the Marinette Police Department's activity/operations report for December/January/February, Chief LaCombe was present to answer any questions the committee may have. Chief LaCombe reported two officers received lifesaving awards and Officer Channing Wille was recognized as being in the top 10 out of 400 officers, for the 2nd year in a row in the State of WI for being a Drug Recognition Expert.
5. **Fire Department activity report.**
Fire Chief Heckel prepared and included within today's meeting agenda packet the Marinette Fire Department's activity/operations report for December/January/February, Chief Heckel was present to answer any questions the committee may have.
6. **Building Inspection activity reports.**
Building Inspector Demlow prepared and included in today's meeting agenda packet his building inspection office activity report showing current and prior year comparative year-to-date data through February 2023 of various permits and inspections completed by the Building Code Inspector's Office. Building Inspector Demlow was present to answer any questions the committee may have. Building Inspector Demlow stated a new Administrative Assistant has been hired and is working well.
7. **Animal Control Enforcement Officer's activity report.**
Animal Control Enforcement Officer Cherry prepared and included in today's meeting agenda packet her Office's Animal Control activity report showing comparative prior and current year-to-date (through February 2023) detail of Department calls she received for various stray animals including dogs, cats, raccoons, skunks, deer and other animals along with animals biting humans. Officer Cherry also included separate reports listing non-compliant property owners who had the following property issues: unlicensed vehicles stored in yards, unsightly debris scattered across yards, failure to provide timely snow shoveling and illegal outdoor storage of appliances.
8. **Discussion and possible action regarding review of Rescue Boat.**
Chief Heckel distributed updated pictures of the hull and a letter from 1000 Island boats ensuring the Engine Health and the terms of an extended warranty for the hull from one year to two years from delivery – April 2025. Chief Heckel reported the progress is moving forward and 1000 boats stated they are ahead of schedule. The committee discussed exploring the possibility of a portion of the funds be left for an escrow agreement. Mayor Genisot will explore with the City Attorney. Alderperson Klegin moved/ Mikutowski seconded and all concurred to recommend the **Common Council approve** having all revisions as presented incorporated into the original contract and have City Attorney formalize the contract to include the additional warranty to the hull and including the extended shelf life to the engine and electronics.
9. **Discussion and possible action regarding a status update from the Building Inspector on residences with code infractions.**
Building Inspector Demlow discussed the detail of the report he distributed at today's meeting. The committee discussed 325 State St property and instructed Building Inspector Demlow to write weekly citations and bring a report back to Public Safety, Code Enforcement in April regarding the property.
10. **Discussion of Marinette Fire Department's recent acknowledgments for the M.D. Fill The Boot Campaign and Resolute fire response (Chief Heckel).**
Chief Heckel included in packet a resolution sent by Resolute Wood Products to the Fire department expressing the community's gratitude for the more than 80 agencies across Michigan and Wisconsin that responded to the

historic industrial fire at Resolute Forest Products that started on October 6, 2022. Also included in packet was a letter from Elizabeth Nelson, Director of Firefighter Partnerships for MDA acknowledging Marinette Fire Department and Marinette Firefighters Local 226 for leading the country in dollars raised per member with \$2,337 and 2nd in the state for total dollars raised with \$28,050. Marinette Local 226 leads the country for dollars raised per member. Firefighters Josh Plansky and Jason Lemire represented Marinette Fire Department and Marinette Firefighters Local 226 at the annual MDA Boot Camp held in Milwaukee, WI on February 28th.

11. **Future agenda items.**

Discussion and possible action regarding code changes for Building permits

12. **Adjournment.**

Alderspersons Klegin/Skorik seconded and all concurred, to adjourn at 06:58 PM.

Lana Bero, City of Marinette Clerk

(The next regularly scheduled Public Safety and Code Enforcement Committee meeting is Monday April 17th, 2023 @ 05:00 PM, or immediately following the Civic Affairs, Cemetery, Traffic and Lights Committee meeting, whichever is later, within the Common Council Chambers.)