

Village of Carol Stream

Special Meeting of the Village Board

Information on Implementation of Tasers

Gregory J. Bielawski Municipal Center
500 N. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream, IL 60188

June 3, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 6:51 p.m.

Meeting Notes

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Frank Saverino, Sr.
Trustee Matt McCarthy
Trustee Rick Gieser
Trustee John LaRocca
Trustee John Zalak
Trustee Mary Frusolone

Bob Mellor, Village Manager
Joe Carey, Assistant Village Manager
Marc Talavera, Information Tech. Dir.
Jim Knudsen, Engineering Director
Don Bastian, Community Dev. Director
Ed Sailer, Police Chief
Mike Zochert, Commander
Tia Messino, Assist. to the VM

ABSENT: Trustee Greg Schwarze

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Frank Saverino, Sr. and the roll call read by Village Clerk, Laura Czarnecki. The result of the roll call vote was as follows:

Present: Mayor Saverino, Sr., Trustees Zalak, LaRocca, Gieser, Frusolone and McCarthy

Absent: Trustee Schwarze

INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TASERS

Commander Mike Zochert and Steve Tuttle from Axon presented information on deployment of a study to determine whether conductive energy devices (Tasers) are practical for use by the Village of Carol Stream Police Department as follows:

Invitation to participate in a Study

- IRMA has arranged and endorses our participation in a 2-year Study – at no cost to the Village.
- IRMA would like to supplement our efforts to address combative encounters with arrestees.
- Allows for development, implementation, and evaluation of a Carol Stream Police Department TASER program before agreeing to expend funds.
- Training and equipment are free – we are required to forward data to a researcher.

What are Tasers

- TASER is a common name for a Conducted Energy Device. Taser International became AXON in 2017 and is a leading source for these devices.
- The TASER device is intended to control a violent or potentially violent individual while minimizing the risk of serious injury to officers and subjects.

Levels of Taser Deployment

- Presence
- Verbal
- Display
- Arc
- Laser
- Probe Deployment or Drive Stun

Policy Basics

- Key points of the draft policy
 - Requires Verbal and Visual Warnings unless not practicable.
 - Used when a subject is violent, physically resisting, demonstrates an intention by words or actions to be violent and reasonably appears to present potential harm to officers or others.
 - Not used against subjects who are known to be pregnant, elderly, obvious juveniles, low body mass, handcuffed or otherwise restrained.
 - Cannot be used in some circumstances where secondary injury can be anticipated.

Why

- Aging Employee base
- Size Disparity
- IRMA Endorsement of our Participation
 - To help address combative encounters with arrestees.
 - Village will remain on Workers Comp. Focus Program until Taser Program approved.
- Reasonable Standard
 - Use of Force Cases
 - LaQuan McDonald Jury Comment

2 Year Process

- Once Approved to enter into the agreement
 - Selected officers would become Trainers.
 - Review and modify our draft Policy.
 - Officers would be trained.
 - Field Testing.
 - Study / Program Review and Conclusion.

Future Costs

- A Device provided to Every Officer
 - Wear and Tear
 - Greater level of care
 - Immediate Availability
- TASER 60 Plan Allows for 5 annual of Payments \$43,500

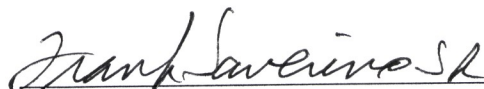
Summary

- 2 year study allows the department to evaluate Tasers before purchase without expending funds.
- Endorsed by IRMA, supplements existing Defensive Tactics Program.
- Reasonableness remains the standard for evaluating Use of Force incidents – trending towards Judicial and Public expectations these alternative options are readily available.
- Staff recommends entering into agreement with Axon and seeks Village Board direction.

Village Board concurred to consider an agreement for a 2 year Taser trial period at the June 17, 2019 Board meeting.

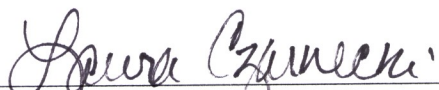
There being no further business, Trustee Gieser moved and Trustee McCarthy made the second to adjourn the Special Board meeting. The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 6:51 p.m.

FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Frank Saverino, Sr., Mayor

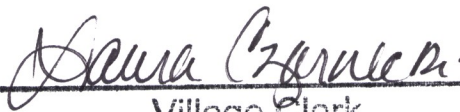
ATTEST:



Laura Czarnecki, Village Clerk

Minutes approved by the President and Board of Trustees on this

17th day of June, 2019.



Village Clerk