

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE
PUBLIC SAFETY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**NORTH PRAIRIE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 130 N HARRISON STREET, NORTH PRAIRIE, WI 53153
November 26, 2025, AT 4:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 19.84, WI Stats., notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Village of North Prairie Public Safety Committee, at which a quorum of the Village Board may be in attendance to gather information about subjects which they have decision making responsibility. Notice of Village Board Quorum, (Chairperson to announce the following if a quorum of the Village Board is in attendance at the meeting: Please let the minutes reflect that a quorum of the Village Board is present.)

1. Call to Order: **Meeting called to order at 4:30 P.M.**
2. Roll Call: **Trustee Schroeder, Trustee Samuels, and Trustee McCormack. Also Present: North Prairie Village Administrator, one resident and representatives from the North Prairie Police Department, including Terry Tesch, Ryan, and Brad.**
3. Public Comment.
At the sole discussion of the Committee Chair, citizens are invited to make comments to the Committee, under the following procedures. Committee members should not be expected to discuss issues presented at this time, citizens, comments limited to 2 minutes each; in the event public comments exceed 15 minutes, the Committee will continue with the regular agenda and resume public comment after the Committee business has been completed, public comments on specific personnel matters are not appropriate subject for this forum and should be referred to the Village Office; any comments which may violate an individual right of an employee will not be permitted: **During public comment, one individual addressed the Committee regarding previously published draft minutes from the September 24, 2025 meeting. The resident expressed concerns about factual accuracy, scope, and the manner in which certain statements were reflected in the draft minutes. The individual requested that the minutes be revisited and revised prior to approval to ensure accuracy and consistency with the meeting record. Committee members acknowledged the concerns raised and discussed the importance of ensuring that meeting minutes accurately reflect proceedings. The Committee indicated that the September 24, 2025 minutes would be reviewed and revised as necessary prior to any future approval.**
4. Approval of the September 24th minutes: **With respect to the September 24, 2025 minutes, an initial motion to approve was made but did not receive a second and therefore failed. Trustee Samuels subsequently moved that the September 24, 2025 Public Safety & Protective Services Committee minutes be revisited with particular emphasis on Item 5, the Police Department section, for clarification and accuracy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schroeder and carried unanimously. Direction was given to revise the identified section based on the meeting record and to circulate a revised draft for review prior to the next meeting.**
5. Approval of the November 14th minutes: **Regarding the November 14, 2025 minutes, Chair McCormack moved to approve the minutes as presented, with a correction to note that motions referenced in Item 3 were made by Trustee Samuels. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schroeder and carried unanimously.**
6. Police
 - a. Discussion and/or Action: General review and discussion regarding the long-term operational structure of the North Prairie Police Department, including potential options and future planning considerations: **The Committee engaged in a general review and discussion regarding the long-term operational structure of the North Prairie Police Department. Discussion focused on maintaining transparency with residents, providing clear and updated information regarding policing options and associated costs, and ensuring meaningful public input prior to any major decisions. Committee members discussed the value of holding an additional public informational meeting to update residents on recent developments and to gather feedback on future planning considerations. Consensus was reached to proceed with planning a public informational meeting. Tentative details discussed included holding the meeting on or about January 20, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m., with advance notice provided through a village-wide mailing emphasizing that future decisions will be informed by public input. No formal action was taken on this item.**
 - b. Discussion and/or Action: Review and discussion of the proposed cross-training plan for Officers Ryan and Brad with the Police Clerk, including expectations, scope of training, scheduling, and any necessary approvals or action: **The Committee also received an update regarding the**

proposed cross-training plan for Officers Ryan and Brad with the Police Clerk. Committee members noted that Ryan and Brad, who are currently serving as the primary leaders of the Police Department, are performing well in their new roles. The Committee expressed confidence in their leadership and acknowledged their efforts to work closely with the Police Secretary to become fully up to speed on administrative duties. At the same time, Ryan and Brad are ensuring that the community continues to receive appropriate and consistent patrol coverage during this transition period. The Committee expressed appreciation for their professionalism, responsiveness, and commitment to maintaining public safety while administrative systems and processes are being addressed. No formal action was taken.

7. Fire

- a. Discussion and/or Action: Review and discussion regarding the current Fire District structure, including historical items previously discussed by the Committee and the current cost-share percentages carried by each participating community, as well as any potential future considerations: **The Committee reviewed and discussed the current Fire District structure, including historical items previously discussed and the existing cost-share percentages among participating communities. Trustee Schroeder summarized recent Finance Committee discussions and noted that three potential cost-sharing models have been identified and shared with the Finance Committee liaison. Committee members discussed the importance of continued dialogue, representation, and coordination as discussions move forward. No formal action was taken.**

8. Court

- a. Discussion and/or Action: Review and discussion regarding the Joint Municipal Court, including recent committee discussions, the status of the FY 2026 budget, municipal board feedback, and any potential actions or follow-up items needed moving forward: **The Committee reviewed recent developments related to the Joint Municipal Court. It was reported that the FY 2026 Joint Municipal Court budget was approved following amendments and discussions with participating municipalities.**
- b. Discussion and/or Action: Discussion regarding the potential withdrawal of the Village from the Joint Municipal Court and related procedural, financial, and operational considerations: **The Committee also discussed potential future withdrawal of the Village from the Joint Municipal Court, including procedural, financial, and operational considerations. Discussion included administrative workload, financial transparency, and challenges related to revenue tracking and reimbursement. While concerns remain, the Committee agreed that additional analysis and discussion are necessary prior to making any recommendation to the Village Board. No formal action was taken.**

9. Adjourn: **Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.**

November 26th, 2025

Michael P McCormack, Chair Public Safety & Protective Services Committee

It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other government bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice. Please note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information please contact the Village Office at 262-392-2271.