

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

**NORTH PRAIRIE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 130 N HARRISON STREET, NORTH PRAIRIE, WI 53153
January 14TH, 2026 AT 5:00 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: **Called to order at 5:09 PM.**
2. Roll Call: **Trustee Schroeder, Trustee Samules and Trustee McCormack. Also present were two residents and Captain Timm of the North Prairie PD. A quorum of the Village Board was present for informational purposes only.**
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: **None**
4. Approval of Minutes: December 22, 2025: **Postponed to the next meeting.**
5. KMFN
 - a. Discussion and/or Action as Necessary: Discuss options for the future of Fire/Ambulance protection for the Village of North Prairie: **Discussion was held regarding recent developments related to the Kettle Moraine Fire District, including agenda items and discussions occurring within partner municipalities. Committee members reviewed information regarding governance concerns, financial oversight, and operational challenges within the Fire District, including the absence of required annual financial audits, leadership concerns, and staffing issues affecting ambulance coverage. Furthermore the committee discussed the Village of Eagles board meeting agenda for 1/8/26 16. c. iii. "Discussion/Action regarding terminating the Kettle Moraine Fire District Agreement. Members stated that it would be a good idea to look into other fire and EMS services for the Village of North Prairie.**

The Committee discussed the Village's increasing financial contributions to the Fire District and concerns regarding sustainability, response times, and contractual obligations. Members emphasized the need for the Village to proactively explore contingency options to ensure continued and reliable fire and emergency medical services for residents. Potential alternatives discussed included initiating preliminary conversations with neighboring fire departments, including Lake Country Fire District and the Village of Mukwonago, to explore possible contractual arrangements or long-term structural options. The Committee agreed that gathering information was necessary to respond accurately to resident inquiries and to prepare for potential future decisions.
6. Police
 - a. Discussion and/or Action: Discussion regarding planning for the January 20, 2026 Public Informational Meeting on the Police Department. The Committee will review the direction currently being considered for the Police Department, identify key information to be shared with the public, and discuss how to effectively gather public input. This item is intended to help provide Trustees with a clear game plan for the informational meeting, ensure a consistent message, and outline how community feedback will be received and considered in future decision-making: **The Committee will consider and take action on opening the matter for public comment at the informational meeting to gather resident input before advancing any recommendations. Discussion was held regarding planning and preparation for the January 20, 2026 Public Informational Meeting on the Police Department. Committee members reviewed a draft outline for the meeting, including the purpose of the meeting, key information to be presented, and methods for gathering community feedback. Discussion included an overview of the current operational status of the Police Department, including recent leadership retirements, interim command structure, staffing levels, patrol coverage, and short-term sustainability. Committee members discussed budgetary constraints, levy limits, and the Village's limited ability to increase revenue absent voter approval, as well as the financial implications of maintaining, restructuring, or discontinuing the Police**

Department. Various service models were discussed, including continued operation of the Village Police Department under a restructured model, reliance on statutory coverage by the County Sheriff's Department, and contractual options with neighboring municipalities. Committee members emphasized the importance of clearly communicating realistic costs, service levels, and long-term fiscal impacts to residents. The Committee discussed strategies for public engagement, including the structure of the informational meeting, managing public comment, and potential follow-up actions. The Committee also discussed the importance of ensuring the meeting complied with open meetings requirements while allowing Trustees to attend and observe.
No formal action was taken under this item.

7. **Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

January 14th, 2026

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.