

Village of Iola

Police Committee Minutes

Monday, February 24th, 2025, 9:00 AM, Iola Village Hall, Clerks Office
180 South Main Street, Iola, WI 54945

The open meeting statement was read by Pamela Parks at 9:00 AM.

Roll call: Members Present: Pamela Parks, and Dave Harper.

Absent Police Committee member: James Rasmussen

Others Present: Police Chief, Paul Zierler; Laura J. Krogwold, Clerk/Treasurer; Jennifer Schustek, Village of Iola, President; Missy Fenn, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Public Presentation- None

D. Harper made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with the Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(f):

Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. And/or (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

J. Schustek seconded. Motion passed. Police Committee, J. Schustek, Chief Paul Zierler, and Clerks adjourned into closed session in the Clerk's Office.

Motion made by D. Harper to reconvene into open session. The motion was seconded by J. Schustek at 11:03. Meeting called back into open session by P. Parks.

D. Harper made motion to approve Written Statement about Iola Police Investigation. J. Schustek seconded. Motion carried. Statement is as follows:

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After considering the comments made at February 5, 2025, public meeting of the Iola Village Police Committee and complaints made by Sherri Miller in a letter to the Police Committee chair, members of the Police Committee have

determined that the Officers of the Iola Village Police Department do not target the bars and their patrons during the course of their duties.

Further, the Police Committee has determined that specific issues raised were not supported by verifiable facts or data.

To illustrate, a complaint that 9 people were pulled over within sight of the Thirsty Perch during the course of one evening on a specific date had no basis in fact as there were no traffic stops at all on the date in question.

The Iola Village Police Committee believes the taxpayers of Iola get good value for their tax dollars through the operation of our police department.

Unless we receive a sworn affidavit alleging specific incidents that can be independently verified, the Police Committee considers the matter of these bar owner complaints to be closed.

Iola Village Police Committee

Pamela Parks- Chairperson

David Harper-Trustee

James Rasmussen-Trustee

D Harper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. P. Parks seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned by P. Parks at 11:04 AM.