

Village of Iola

Police Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Iola Village Hall, Clerks Office
180 South Main Street, Iola, WI 54945

The open meeting statement was read by Pamela Parks at 5:30 PM.

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

Absent Police Committee member: James Rasmussen

Others Present: Police Chief, Paul Zierler; Jennifer Schustek, Village of Iola President, Sharyl Peterson, Trustee, Rick Meyers, Trustee, David Forsythe, Legal Representative, Laura J. Krogwold, Clerk/Treasurer, Missy Fenn, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Larry Flowers, John Bertelson, Sherri Miller, Mark McCoy, Aaron Messier, Greg Krogwold, Steve Steeber, Jennifer O'Malley, Mike Richberg, Kevin Bucholtz, and Emily Doud.

Public Presentations- J. Bertelson-support Police Department,

J. Schustek- read a statement in support of police department-stopped statement to ask M. McCoy to stop recording, he said it is my right, show me the WI Statutes that stated I cannot, P. Parks stated I do not have the statute at hand, however, would discuss later, you cannot disrupt a meeting to record. They agreed to M. McCoy would not record this meeting and he and P. Parks would discuss matter at a later time. J. Schustek continued reading her statement. S. Miller-police investigation, M. McCoy declined to speak, A. Messier support police statement, and L. Flowers support of Police Department.

Present investigative findings from February 5, 2025 Police Committee Meeting and accusations against the Iola Police Department and Officers. P. Parks read the following statement on behalf of the Village of Iola Police Committee:

February 24, 2025

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

If anyone has any further questions or wants to review our investigation findings, please see the Clerks.

No further business to come before board.

D. Harper made motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Schustek seconded. Motion carried. P. Parks adjourned meeting at 5:46 PM.