

Village of Balsam Lake
Public Protection Committee
January 24, 2019 6:30 pm to 7:32 pm

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Faye Brittan.

Members present: Faye Brittan, Geno D'Agostino, Brandon Scheuer
Others Board member present: Kathy Poirier, Rod Preble, Caroline Rediske.
Others present: 11 people.

Faye Brittan informed Chief Tom Thompson was not attending the meeting and Officer Cody Thompson was not attending as he was on vacation.

Public Comments regarding the Balsam Lake Police Department: Regarding the Police Departments absence, Jim Duncan stated he felt it was disrespectful to the Public Protection Committee as well as to the whole Board.

Jim Duncan cited many instances regarding the negative conduct of the new police officer. Examples of harassment were discussed with input from business owners including Carol & Dennis McQuillan, Nick Elert. A complaint letter submitted by Rob Carlson citing problems and requesting termination was read. An email regarding an incident from Bruce Anderson was read.

Discussion included the length of the probationary period, possibly establishing a police commission, overall department conduct and follow through on issues.

At the request of those in attendance to find resolution to the issues within 30 days, Faye Brittan will hold a meeting with Chief Thompson and Cody Thompson. The full Board will address the issue at the February board meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Brandon Scheuer. Seconded by Geno D'Agostino. Carried.

Mary Kjeseth, Deputy Clerk Treasurer