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POLICE COMMITTEE
May 18, 2026
Meeting Minutes
Police Department Training Room
1710 Plainfield Road

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in attendance were Chairman Joseph Kenny and Alderman Ralph Stompanato and Chief Greg Thomas. Alderman Gustafson was absent.

2. Public Comment and Communications

No public comment or communications

3. Approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2026 meeting

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Chairman Kenny. The minutes were approved.

4. Consideration of a motion for the payment of 2025/2026 annual membership dues to the DuPage Metropolitan Emergency Response Investigation Team of DuPage County (MERIT).

Chief Thomas advised the committee that MERIT assists local agencies with many critical events. Darien Police department is not big enough to have our own dedicated SWAT team. MERIT is able to provide SWAT assistance with additional equipment that our department could not afford. In order to be a part of the group, Darien provides officers to participate in MERIT and pays an annual fee. Chief Thomas added that Deputy Chief Jump is a part of MERIT and is second in command. Officer Luke Somogy is also part of MERIT.

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve the MERIT annual membership dues seconded by Chairman Kenny. The motion was approved.

5. Consideration of a motion for the payment of the tuition fee for Deputy Chief Jason Norton to attend the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) Session 99.

Chief Thomas explained to the committee that he attended SMIP in 2005. The classes are taught at Boston College by Harvard instructors. It is a great class and a good way to invest in our officers who are in higher positions in the agency. Chairman Kenny asked

chief to explain why it is a great class. Chief replied that there was a lot of reading material assigned that you were expected to read every day and be prepared for each class. When he attended the 2nd in command for the London Police was there along with several other high-level police officers from around the country. The people that he met and the conversations that were had during the class were tremendous. It is a very high-level learning experience.

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Chairman Kenny. The motion was approved.

6. **A motion accepting the expenditure of Cannabis Funds to upfit a Dodge Durango using Emergency Vehicle Tech “EVT” in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.**

Chief Thomas said the current K9 car is older and having mechanical issues and it’s time to replace it. We will use cannabis funds to purchase the vehicle because the K9 unit is used for drug enforcement.

Chairman Kenny motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The motion was approved.

7. **A motion to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA-Exhibit A) between the Darien Park District and the City of Darien Police Department regarding the use of South Grove Park Pond for the Youth Fishing Tournament 2026.**

Chief Thomas explained that this is a community outreach event called Cops and Bobbers that was extremely successful last year. The event will take place on June 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Chairman Kenny. The motion was approved.

8. **A motion to amend Chapter 8 “MASSAGE BUSINESSES AND SERVICES” of Title 3 “BUSINESS REGULATIONS” of the City of Darien City Code to remove the local massage therapist licensing requirements and defer individual massage therapist licensure to the State of Illinois pursuant to the Illinois Massage Licensing Act, 225 ILCS 57/1 et seq., and to adopt a revised Massage Business License Application form consistent with the amended ordinance.**

Chairman Kenny asked Chief Thomas why this agenda item is coming to Police Committee instead of the Administrative Finance Committee. Chief replied that this is considered a criminal act because if you’re not licensed than you are committing a criminal act. The new criminal act states that the State of Illinois now regulates all of the licensing for massage therapists so there was a need to amend the current local ordinance and application form for licensing.

Chairman Kenny motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The motion was approved.



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9. An ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus property.

Chief said the current property list is primarily bikes and a scooter. We recover many found or stolen bikes and hold them for 6 months. If no one claims the bikes than we put them up for sale on GovDeals.com

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Chairman Kenny. The motion was approved.

10. Darien Police Monthly Report

The committee discussed various items on the monthly police report. It is also on the City Council agenda for further discussion.

11. Next Meeting Date – Monday June 15, 2026

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
Eric Gustafson

Chairman: _____
Joseph Kenny

Alderman: _____
Ralph Stompanato