

VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE
Law Enforcement Committee
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
MINUTES

1. Call to order

Village Board Member Stoa called the Law Enforcement Committee meeting to order at 5:30 pm. This was an in person meeting

2. Determination of quorum and that the agenda was properly posted.

It was noted that a quorum was present, and that the agenda was properly posted. Committee members present were Chris Stoa, Cynthia Kelm-Nelson, Jon Russell and Kishia Peters Absent and excused was Paula Severson. Staff members present were Police Chief Mark Garry, and Deputy Clerk Kelly Cahill.

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES - Public's Opportunity to speak - NONE

4. Discuss And Consider the Minutes from January 27, 2026, Law Enforcement Committee Meeting.

Motion by Russell to approve the minutes from January 27, 2026 LEC meeting, seconded by Peters. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 4-0-0.

5. Old Business

a. PD Building Project Update

Chief Garry gave update on status of building project. Fencing will begin early March. Groundbreaking will be March 25th at 12:00pm. Also beginning discussions about furniture and design

6. New Business

a. Review of 2025 Annual Report

Chief Garry gave a high-level synopsis of budget. Statistics Discussed from report. Committee member Stoa mentioned of the 52 pages, 14 were community involvement. All members were pleased to see that

b. Teddy Bear Sleepover March 11th

6pm will be story time. The stuffed animals will be mischievous during the night, then will be picked up the next day by their owners. Which is always a successful event

c. Discussion related to City of Madison Mutual Aid Resolution (WI ss. 66.0313 and 66.0513, CGPD P/P 1.6.2)

Mutual aid is a major part of smaller agencies. Cottage Grove does utilize this service, but on a case-by-case situation. There are certain conditions before Mutual aid is used. Cottage Grove has a good working relationship with the agencies they have for mutual aid

d. Discuss and Consider/Provide Direction on possible Village ordinance related to E-Bike and E-Scooter usage in the Village

May be in the best interest of the residents that an ordinance be in place for E-Scooters and E-Bikes. A concern is the "one wheels". They do not fall under any electronic category. Committee liked the McFarland's ordinance and would like staff to use that as a base for creating an ordinance. Committee would like staff to begin working on the ordinance for E-Bikes, Scooters and One Wheels. No Motion was necessary

e. Discuss and Consider future committee meetings to be held at Village Hall with hybrid capabilities

Motion by Kelm-Nelson for committee meetings to be held at Village Hall with hybrid capabilities, seconded by Peters. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 4-0-0

7. Chief's Reports – January

SRO back in school, interacting with kids and staff. No citations given in January. 1439 calls for January, nothing standing out that would cause concern. Traffic stops are being made by newer Officers, making their presence known and educating the public how to operate vehicles

8. Future Agenda Items

Report on Flock Cameras being presented to Village Board

9. Adjournment

Motion by Peters to adjourn at 6:08pm, seconded by Kelm-Nelson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 4-0-0

Kelly Cahill, Deputy Clerk
Village of Cottage Grove
Approved: 3.24.2026

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in this meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversations that took place.