* 1. Chief s Comments

Chief Pelc thanked everyone and said the last seven (7) years as Chief have been enjoyable. The department has six (6) new members that will be starting the academy February 11th. The department is going strong. Mr. Baffa asked what number does that bring them up to? Chief Pelc replied approximately fifty-three (53).

Chief Scheckel thanked Chief Pelc for his fifty (50) years of service to the town, adding it was nice working with him.

Chief Scheckel updated the Board on the body cameras stating about 90% of the equipment was in and the department is hoping to start launching the system in March. The old in-car cameras are currently being removed by Miner. Once complete, AXON will send their personal out to install the new equipment in the squads that will interact with the body cameras and to train the officers and Administration on the software. After speaking with Lieutenants Broelmann and Johnston we are looking at a target date of the middle to the end of March to have the cameras with the officers and on the road.

Chief Scheckel reminded the Board that we are currently taking applications to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Mike Janiga. We have approximately eleven (11) applications submitted so far, and the deadline is tomorrow. He spoke to Chief Mance from Griffith yesterday and they too are taking applications and as of right now only have two (2) applicants. Unfortunately, no one wants to be Police Officers anymore. We do have some promising candidates. Once the applications are reviewed, he will come back with a date for interviews.