

**Village of Centuria
Polk County, Wisconsin
Ordinance Amendment No. 04-2026**

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Centuria, Polk County, Wisconsin, do ordain the following ordinances:

§ 85-1 Organization of Police Department.

The ~~Village of Centuria~~ Police Department shall consist of a Chief of Police and such other full- or part-time officers, assistants and patrol officers as from time to time may be appointed by the ~~Village Board~~ **Balsam Lake-Centuria Joint Board of Police Commissioners**, pursuant to the provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Chief of Police shall be appointed pursuant to § 71-7 of this Code; subordinate members of the Department shall be selected by the Chief of Police, subject to conformation by the ~~Village Board~~ **Balsam Lake-Centuria Joint Board of Police Commissioners**.

§ 85-4 Responsibilities of Chief of Police.

A. Duties. In addition to the duties imposed upon him/her elsewhere in this Code, the Chief of Police shall:

- (1) Have general command of the Police Department on administrative matters, subject to the direction of the ~~Village Board~~ **Balsam Lake-Centuria Joint Board of Police Commissioners**.
- (2) Cause to be maintained accurate records of complaints, crimes, traffic accidents, ordinance violations, arrests, summons, incidents, and calls for police service and shall provide a system of periodic summary and analysis to ensure the most efficient and effective deployment and use of the Department's resources. The Chief of Police shall submit or cause to be submitted to the various agencies such reports and summaries as are required by State statutes or ordinances and shall participate in voluntary programs designed to improve law enforcement and public safety.
- (3) Submit such reports and comply with such administrative procedures as may be prescribed by the ~~Village Board~~ **Balsam Lake-Centuria Joint Board of Police Commissioners** relative to fiscal and administrative matters.
- (4) Submit such reports and/or information and comply with such policies as may be prescribed by the ~~Village Board~~ **Balsam Lake-Centuria Joint Board of Police Commissioners**.
- (5) In the absence of specific direction from the ~~Village~~ Board, be responsible for the assignment, hours of duty, and transfer of all members of the Department. The ~~Village~~ Board reserves the right to establish terms of employment, including, but not limited to, conditions of employment and working hours.

§ 71-6 Chief of Police.

A. Appointment. The Chief of Police shall be appointed ~~pursuant to § 71-2. The Chief shall exercise the powers and duties of village marshals and village constables and any other powers and duties as provided from time to time by the Village Board~~ **by the Balsam Lake-Centuria Joint Board of Commissioners**.

B. General duties.

- (1) The Chief of Police shall have command of the Police Department, subject to the policies and directives established by the ~~Village~~ Board. The Chief of Police shall have general administration and control of the Department and shall be responsible for the Department's government, efficiency and general good conduct. The Chief of Police shall perform all duties prescribed to him/her by the laws of

the state and the ordinances of the Village and shall obey all lawful orders of the ~~Village~~ Board or appropriate committee thereof.

(2) The Chief of Police shall cause the public peace to be preserved and may arrest and with reasonable diligence take before the proper court every person found in the Village engaged in any disturbance of the peace or violating any law of the state or ordinance of the Village. The Chief shall cooperate with other law enforcement officers in the arrest or apprehension of persons charged with crime. The Chief of Police shall see that all laws and ordinances of the Village and state are enforced. Whenever any violation thereof shall come to his/her knowledge, he/she shall cause the requisite complaint to be made and see that the evidence is procured for the successful prosecution of the offender or offenders. The Chief of Police shall exercise supervisory control over all the personnel of his/her Department and may adopt, subject to the approval of the ~~Village Board~~, **Balsam Lake-Centuria Joint Board of Police Commissioners** rules and regulations for the government, discipline, equipment and uniforms of the police officers. The Chief of Police shall be solely responsible for the care and condition of the equipment used by his/her Department. The Chief of Police shall keep an accurate and complete record of all complaints, arrests, traffic violations, convictions and dispositions of the Department.

Dated at Centuria, Wisconsin, this 10th day of August 2026



Chuck Ellsworth, Village President



Autumn Hyden, Clerk-Treasurer

VOTE:

YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT _____ ABSTAIN _____