

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2013

The Police and Fire Commission meeting was called to order by Commission President Robert Poull at 7:02 p.m.

Commission members present: Robert Poull, Paul Moroder, Mike Verplancke, and Bill Roden

Commission member absent: Kevin Plato

Staff present: Police Chief Charles Wenten and Fire Chief John Place

Other Officials present: Trustee Lisa Harbeck and Trustee Sue Meinecke

REVIEW AND APPROVE OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2013 POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Verplancke to approve the April 17, 2013 minutes. Approved unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Wenten reported that the recently hired Officer is doing well in the Field Training Program and is expected to start solo patrol on June 1. Chief Wenten also reported that the Department, along with the Park and Recreation Department, have issued a joint news release indicating that there will be a zero-tolerance policy within Village parks for those disturbing the peace. The goal is to maintain safety in the parks and regain/enforce the family atmosphere.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Place discussed with the Commission the emails that he forwarded to the Commission. He related his concerns as well as Fire Department personnel on hiring the right Chief for the special circumstances that the department has and can expect in the near future. President Poull and Commissioner Moroder assured Chief Place that their concerns are being addressed and thanked him for his input.

HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

William Emory (1523 17th Avenue) asked the Commission when a Chief can be expected to be appointed. President Poull relayed the hiring process and what could be expected. No specific date could be given as it is a dynamic process but assured Mr.

Emory that the Commission appreciates his concern but also relayed that the process moves slow to make sure the best qualified candidate is chosen.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES
19.85(1)(c) FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS (Fire Chief Hiring)**

Motion by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Verplancke, to convene to closed session at 7:27 p.m. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

During the 75 minute closed session, the Commission review the applications for the four current Fire Chief candidates and recommended that all four candidates participate in future interviews.

RE-CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion by President Poull, seconded by Commissioner Roden, to re-convene to open session. Approved unanimously by roll call vote at 8:42 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A consensus of the Police and Fire Commission was for Commission President Poull attend a future Village Board meeting to update Board Trustees on the Fire Chief hiring process.

ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Moroder, to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Approved unanimously.