

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2013

The Police and Fire Commission meeting was called to order by Commission President Robert Poull at 4:32 p.m.

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

Other Officials present: Village President James Brunnuell, Trustee David Antoine, Trustee James Grant, Trustee Susan Meinecke

REVIEW AND APPROVE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2013 POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Verplancke to approve the May 20, 2013 minutes. Approved unanimously.

REVIEW REQUEST BY TRUSTEE MEINECKE TO REVISE THE MAY 7, 2013, MEETING MINUTES.

Motion by President Poull, seconded by Commissioner Verplancke not to change the minutes because the request misstates the facts Trustee Meinecke and Trustee Harbeck were not asked to leave the closed session but decided to leave on their own.

Trustee Meinecke said that she disagreed with the motion and felt that because the Commission Minutes did not specifically state that they left that it appeared that they were in attendance during the closed session.

Commissioner Poull read the following into the record:

“Contrary to beliefs sometimes expressed by other municipal officials, non-members of a commission are not entitled to be present during a closed session unless specifically invited by the body to be present. A police and fire commission is an independent body created under state law, not a subordinate body of a common council, village or town board; other officials cannot claim a right to be present when a commission meets in closed session, no matter what office an official holds. WI Statute Section 19.89”

Motion to not change the May 7 minutes was approved unanimously.

HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

Trustees Grant, Antoine and Meinecke stated that they have received concerns from both constituents and Fire Department members that they still want to be heard on the hiring process. Trustee Grant said that he would like to see the Commission meet with the Fire Department to explain the hiring process.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85(1)(c) FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS (Review results of Background Investigation and Personality Assessment for Fire Chief Candidate)

Motion by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Plato, to convene to Closed Session at 5:42 p.m. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

During the 52 minute Closed Session, the Commission reviewed the results of the Background Investigation and Personality Assessment of the top candidate for the Fire Chief position.

RE-CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Verplancke, to re-convene to Open Session. Approved unanimously by roll call vote at 6:34 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner Moroder, seconded by Commissioner Plato that based on input from this evening, Commission President Poull contact Fire Chief Place to see if a meeting can be set up in the next week to explain the hiring process and hear input from members of the Grafton Fire Department. Approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by President Poull, seconded by Commissioner Moroder, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Approved unanimously.