

**VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 14, 2014**

The Public Safety Commission was called to order by Administrative Assistant Patti Hofstad at 6:00 p.m.

Commission members present: Trustee Sue Meinecke, Trustee Lisa Harbeck, Joe Eernisse, and Bob Wolf

Commission member excused: Chair Jim Grant

Staff present: Police Chief Charles Wenten, Fire Chief Bill Rice, and Administrative Assistant Patti Hofstad

Other Officials present: Trustee David Antoine

Administrative Assistant Hofstad offered a motion to elect a Pro-tem Chair.

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Meinecke to appoint Trustee Meinecke as Pro-tem Chair. Motion carried.

**PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD**

None

**RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY AT INTERSECTION OF COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS V AND W IN THE TOWN OF GRAFTON**

Chief Rice indicated there have been a number of accidents at County Trunk Highways V and W in the Town of Grafton. In the past six months there have been over five accidents, with over a dozen people injured. Although this is in the Town, the high volume of emergencies impact both Fire and Police who respond to accidents at this location, and our citizens are going through that intersection frequently. Chief Rice is requesting Ozaukee County to establish and correct all deficiencies at this location.

It was noted that the Town Board must also approve this resolution. Commissioner Bob Wolf advised the Town Board will be taking action on this on Thursday night.

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Meinecke to recommend the Village Board adopt a Resolution requesting Ozaukee

County take action on improving the intersection of County Trunk Highways V and W. Motion carried.

### **REQUEST TO PURCHASE TURNOUT GEAR**

Chief Rice advised that in December, 2013, the Village Board approved the purchase of 20 sets of turnout gear from the 2013 budget, however because delivery of said equipment could not be delivered in 2013, the request was withdrawn. He is again requesting to purchase the same equipment with the same criteria.

There is approved funding for an additional 15 sets of new gear in 2014.

Chief Rice distributed a year-to-date 2013 Fire Protection and Rescue Fund budget. He indicated the estimated unspent fund balance in 2013 is \$277,168, and it proposed that funds for this purchase be taken out of this fund. Trustee Meinecke asked if there would be any financial benefit in ordering the total amount of turnout gear (35 sets). Chief Rice responded there would be no price break, however he does intend to order all sets at once. It was discussed that this request also needs approval from the Town Board.

Motion by Commission Eernisse, seconded by Commission Wolf to recommend the Village Board and Town Board approve the purchase of 20 sets of new firefighting turnout gear at a cost of \$34,000 with unspent 2013 funds. Motion carried.

### **BENCHMARK STATISTICS / DECEMBER**

Chief Wenten was pleased that the 2013 statistics remain consistent with last year's numbers. Directed patrols increased in part because of the parks initiative for zero tolerance of any illegal or disruptive behavior, which was a success in keeping the parks safe.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Wenten noted a significant decrease in overtime compared to 2012. This decrease is primarily due to the hire of a replacement officer in January. All officers continue to shoulder the burden of shift changes.

Chief Rice distributed annual run numbers for 2013, with fire and EMS calls totaling 1,045. He said it has been a very busy department in 2013.

Chief Rice described a recent EMS call in the Town, where a woman received a severe head injury, and made it out to her vehicle, but could not move it due to extremely severe weather. It was a significant call due to a long driveway filled with snow. A County plow was called out as well as other agencies. Everyone did a great job in coming together to allow the patient to be transported.

Trustee Meinecke questioned why Life Star ambulance is traveling in Grafton. Chief Rice advised they work out of Dickmann Manufacturing's building and are used primarily for transports.

Chief Wenten announced his Administrative Assistant, Pat Hofstad intends to retire. Her last day will be April 11, 2014.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Commissioner Eernisse to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried.