

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

The Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Jim Grant at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Trustee Jim Grant, Trustee Lisa Harbeck, Trustee Dean Proefrock, Commissioner Bob Wolf, and Commissioner Joe Eernisse

Staff present: Police Chief Charles Wenten, Fire Department EMS Coordinator Matt Schaenzer and Administrative Assistant Clarissa Allen

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

Chief Wenten introduced the Police Department's new Administrative Assistant, Clarissa Allen

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to approve the April 15, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Request for No Parking signs near entrance across from Kapco

Sean Becker of K-Nation Entertainment, 995 Badger Circle, is requesting No Parking signs in front of the Kapco driveway and building, in order to accommodate 26 foot trucks which need access for deliveries.

Chief Wenten advised that he is familiar with a past request for signs at Kapco, and will talk with Dave Murphy of Department of Public Works regarding how it was handled last time and the cost. Chair Grant advised it should be reviewed at the next Public Safety Commission meeting which will be held July 8, 2014.

Motion by Chair Grant, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to review at the next Public Safety Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Request 3 way stop sign at Valley Drive/Blackhawk Drive and Wichita Lane

Tracy Scofield, 1958 Blackhawk Drive, is requesting a three way stop sign at the intersection of Wichita Lane, Valley Drive and Blackhawk Drive. Ms. Scofield thinks that the covert traffic count which was conducted in the area should have captured more of

the traffic in the area of the hill on Valley Drive. She advised that much of the traffic is not local, and is only using Valley Drive for cutting through the subdivision. She continues to be concerned since the covert traffic count was completed, as many vehicles are still speeding on the hill and there are many children in the area.

Chief Wenten advised since April 30, the Police Department has conducted directed patrol in the area 17 times. No traffic stops were conducted during this time due to vehicles speeding. Chief Wenten also advised that stop signs have not been shown to slow traffic down. There are also additional concerns about stop signs being placed there, that it could be detrimental during winter driving conditions, with vehicles not being able to stop, and sliding through the intersection. Chair Grant requested to place the covert device in the area that Ms. Scofield is suggesting, and review this matter again at the next Public Safety Commission meeting, which will be held July 8, 2014. Chief Wenten agrees with this and will work with Ms. Scofield to place the device where she believes will capture the area of concern.

Motion by Chair Grant, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to table the request for a three-way stop sign at Valley Drive/Blackhawk Drive and Wichita Lane.

This matter will be reviewed at the next Public Safety Commission meeting on July 8, 2014.

Motion carried.

Approval for training grant

Chief Wenten discussed the training grant which was awarded to the department by the Ozaukee County Department of Social Services. This will allow two Officers to attend Crisis Intervention Team training, being held in Appleton, Wisconsin, in October. Two Officers will attend the five day training, which will cover all wages, lodging, meals and travel costs. The training grant is in the amount of \$4,464.00. Chief Wenten advised this is integral in coordination of needs with victims of mental health issues, and the intake workers for Ozaukee County Department of Social Services. Chief Wenten is very much in favor of this grant.

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to recommend to the Village Board approve the training grant which was awarded by the Ozaukee County Department of Social Services. Motion carried.

Fire Department purchase of Cardiac Monitors

Matt Schaenzer of Grafton Fire Department explained the need for the cardiac monitors. Mr. Schaenzer advised that the prices from last year have increased; however, he was able to get the bid down to \$46,913. The new monitors have crucial elements that the current monitors being used, do not have. Chair Grant thinks this would be a good use of funds. Schaenzer advises that the new monitors have many uses including acting as a defibrillator, automatic blood pressure monitor, heart rate analyzer and oxygen level monitor. The units are also needed to become part of the Paramedic Program. Mr. Schaenzer also added that the vendor would provide training for the new monitors. Trustee Harbeck questioned the warranty of the units. Mr. Schaenzer advised the units are covered under the standard maintenance and manufacturer warranties, as well as calibration for the units. Schaenzer added that these monitors are used in about 700 out of 800 calls.

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to recommend the Village Board approve the purchase of cardiac monitors from Physio Control, Redmond, WA at a cost of \$49,913.

The committee thanked Matt Schaenzer for his service and volunteer work for the Grafton Fire Department.

Motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

April and May Benchmarks

Chief Wenten advised that most areas are consistent with the totals from 2013. There were diminished accidents in May 2014. There has been an uptick in mental health and alcohol commitments over the past year. Violent crimes are also up in May, from one year ago, as well as 911 calls received.

Overtime

There was discussion among persons present, regarding school security, the important role of Sergeant Podewils in the schools, and working together with the school system to keep the high level of security that is already in place.

Chief Wenten commented that overtime is going to be a bit higher this year due to several events; however, the Officers are shouldering much of the overtime by moving shifts on the schedule to accommodate shortages.

Traffic control for fireworks

Trustee Harbeck brought up concerns regarding traffic on CTH V, between 17th Avenue and Cheyenne Avenue, during the approximate 30 minutes while the fireworks are occurring. Trustee Harbeck is requesting that CTH V be shut down to ensure safety of many children in the area during the fireworks display. Chief Wenten advised that during the event last year, there were Police Reserves and Officers in the area patrolling; however, there was heavy traffic. Chief Wenten will request Captain Gabrish contact Bob Dreblow of the Ozaukee County Highway Department, to see if the roadway can be closed down, and a detour set up. Chief Wenten advised it may be too short notice; however, to work this out.

Breakdown of Fire Department calls

Commissioner Wolf requested a more detailed breakdown of fire calls for the Village and Town. He also mentioned that it seemed like the Goals for fire calls in 2014, seemed low. Matt Schaezner from Grafton Fire Department advised he would have Chief Rice review this.

ADJOURN

Motion by Chair Grant, seconded by Trustee Harbeck adjourn at 6:47 p.m.
Motion carried.