

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 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 Chief Bill Rice, Fire Department EMS Coordinator Matt Schaenzer and Administrative Assistant Clarissa Allen

Also present: Trustee Meinecke

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

Dan Delorit, 772 Overland Trail and Tom Krueger, 745 Overland Trail, are requesting the Public Safety Commission to review Title 14 of the Municipal Ordinance, pertaining to Trailers and Trailer Courts, due to the long term parking of a camper trailer partly in the grass and partly in the driveway for the past eight weeks at 815 Overland Trail. Mr. Delorit also advised that this camper trailer is plugged into an electrical service at the residence, and it is secured with parking blocks which is a safety concern due to the angle it is parked.

Chief Wenten advised that he did review Title 14, and that he was included in an email exchange between Mr. Delorit and Tom Johnson the Village Building Inspector. Chief Wenten advised that the camper trailer in question does fit the definition in Title 14.04, however feels that the entirety of the language of Title 14 should be reviewed by the Village Board, and enforcement of Title 14 could have far ranging implications due this also including coaches, cabins, mobile homes, of any vehicle or structure used for human dwelling or sleeping purposes.

Chair Grant advised that he would also like the Village Board and the Village Attorney to review Title 14 before any enforcement action. Chair Grant would like to see neighbors trying to handle these types of situations amongst themselves, as it could be far reaching. Chair Grant requested some time to review Title 14 before Mr. Delorit proceeds with any contact with the homeowner at 815 Overland Trail. Mr. Delorit agrees with this.

Motion by Chair Grant, seconded by Commissioner Bob Wolf, to recommend the Village Board review Title 14. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chair Grant, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the June 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Request for downtown street closures during August 5 Ladies Night Out event

Pam King, Executive Director, Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce advised there are approximately 70 local businesses participating. In an effort to keep the event contained to the downtown area, tents and tables will be set up to accommodate all the participating businesses. Ms. King is expecting approximately 500 participants. The Chamber is requesting the street closures for safety reasons and to assist in keeping the group contained. Chief Wenten stated that the closures and impact have been worked out favorably and should be minimal. Chief Wenten indicated that he has no issues with the request.

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to recommend the Village Board approve the street closures during Ladies Night Out on August 5. Motion carried.

Request for additional Crossing Guard at Washington Street/17th Avenue

Chief Wenten stated that this request is due to a change in the Grafton School District bussing policy. Chief Wenten and Sgt. Podewils met with Riteway Bus Company, Grafton School Superintendent Mel Lightner, and a representative of the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department. The updated busing policy will eliminate busing for all high school students that live within a two mile radius of the Grafton High School. Chief Wenten advised that he anticipates a significant increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic at 17th Avenue and WIS 60. Currently there is one Crossing Guard at 17th Avenue and WIS 60; this Crossing Guard can only cross side of one direction of travel at a time. Chief Wenten advised that by adding a second Crossing Guard at this location, both crossing guards can address students that cross in the same direction on both sides of the four lanes of traffic on WIS 60 or 17th Avenue.

Chair Grant questioned how this would be covered by the budget. Chief Wenten advised that the Grafton School District provides off setting revenues to cover the cost of the additional Crossing Guard. This issue and need was discussed with Dr. Lightner.

Motion by Chair Grant, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to recommend the Village Board approve the request for an additional Crossing Guard at 17th Avenue and WIS 60. Motion carried.

Request to expand Crossing Guard hours

Chief Wenten advised that the Grafton School District has changed the hours of the school, which will add 10 minutes to the Crossing Guards required hours in both the

morning and afternoon at WIS 60 and 17th Avenue and 7th and Hickory, for a total of 20 extra minutes each day. This cost will be offset by revenue paid by the Grafton School District.

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to recommend the Village Board approve the School District's request to expand the Crossing Guard hours. Motion carried.

Consideration of ordinance amending Section 10.36.010 / No parking on Badger Circle per request of K-Nation Inc.

Chief Wenten advised that he and the Village Engineer, Dave Murphy, reviewed the location and this request, and agrees that the signs are needed as it is a safety issue for large trucks making the turn into the driveway.

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to approve the ordinance amending Section 10.36.010. Motion carried.

Request to purchase two ambulances

Chief Rice advised that the two existing ambulances, a 2000 and 2006 model, both have in excess of 60,000 miles on each vehicle, the components have begun deteriorating and are becoming unreliable. Both are in need of major repairs which would be extremely costly to repair. Bids were received from three different vendors, and the bids came in higher than expected. The bids were reviewed by personnel of the Grafton Fire Department as well as the Fire Department's medical director, and input was received on what options could be removed from the bid. The lowest bid was for Braun Ambulances, which came in at \$327,696.00 for two ambulances, minus the trade in allowance at \$25,000.00 for the two existing ambulances, and other budgetary allowances (see attached summary) brings the total cost for two ambulances to \$279,792.00. Trustee Proefrock inquired about the radios for the two new units. Chief Rice advised that the radios will be transferred from the existing units, to the new ones. Commissioner Eernisse advised he would like to see the ambulances be painted red, as they were in the past. Chief Rice advised that any vehicles purchased starting this year, will be red, as the Grafton Fire Department will be returning to that color as it had in the past.

Motion by Commissioner Bob Wolf, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to recommend the Village Board approve the purchase of two 2014 Braun ambulances from North Central Emergency Vehicles, Lester Prairie, MN, for a total cost of \$279,792 including trade-in of two current ambulances no more than 21 days after delivery of the new ambulances. Motion carried.

Approval of Fire Department Command/First Responder vehicle (SUV) and a Utility vehicle (4X4 pick-up)

Chief Rice advised that the new SUV being requested would replace the 2008 Ford Expedition with 29,000 miles, which he currently uses for his primary vehicle. Chief Rice

will be the primary operator of the new SUV, using it for the many calls that he responds to during the day and at night, as he is the primary responder to all fire and rescue calls. The 2008 Ford Expedition would then be put into service during the day for EMTs/Firefighters who are at the fire station on call, as well as the Paramedic on duty.

Trustee Proefrock questioned the necessity for another large SUV. Chief Rice advises it is safer for the responding to calls and can carry more equipment.

Chair Grant advised that he would like to see the newer vehicles put into service for all personnel to use. Chair Grant questioned if the Fire Department could possibly consider looking at purchasing a smaller SUV such as an Ford Explorer.

Commissioner Eernisse questioned if the Fire Department would consider switching to propane driven vehicle, and possibly coordinate any upcoming vehicle purchases for the possible use of propane for fuel. Chief Rice advised that by using a propane fueled vehicle, space is lost inside the vehicle due to the propane tank, and he is unaware of any other departments using propane fueled vehicles for fire or rescue response. Chief Wenten also agreed that space would be lost in the trunk area of the vehicle due to propane tanks.

Chief Rice advised the utility vehicle being requested for purchase is a Ford F250 pickup truck, with four wheel drive and four doors. This vehicle would be used for responding to fire and rescue calls for personnel as well as school/training, and fire inspections. This vehicle would replace the current van that the fire department uses to accompany the rescue squad on calls and fire inspections.

Motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to recommend the Village Board authorize the Grafton Fire Department to purchase a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe for use as a Command/First Responder vehicle, at a cost of \$34,207.00, and a 2015 Ford F250 4X4 Crew Cab pickup for use as a Utility vehicle, at a cost of \$38,883.00, from Ewald Automotive Group, Oconomowoc, WI, for a total cost of \$73,090. Motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

June Benchmarks

Chief Wenten advised that calls for service have remained steady from this period in 2013 to present. There has been a decrease in traffic accidents, and an increase in involuntary commitments. There was a large increase in the value of property stolen in June due to two significant business thefts.

Overtime

Chief Wenten advises that overtime is down. There has been some overtime due to community events and family leave; however, Chief credits the Patrol Officers for working with the schedule changes in keeping it to a minimum.

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

Chief Wenten advised that the covert traffic monitoring device was repositioned which showed favorable results in that most traffic was not speeding, and most traffic did apply their brakes on the decline of the street. Chief Wenten noted that vehicles with larger tread tires, and also vehicles with loud exhaust, may contribute to the perception that vehicles are speeding. These latest results will be communicated to Tracy Scofield, the original complainant in this matter.

Trustee Harbeck inquired about the traffic situation during the fireworks, specifically in the area of Grafton Avenue between 17th Avenue and Cheyenne Avenue. Chief Wenten and Chief Rice both noted that things went very smoothly and commended the citizens of Grafton for making it a nice community event with no problems.

Chief Wenten advised that Fire Department EMS Coordinator Matt Schaenzer will be working with the Police Department next month on training all Police Officers in the use and administration of Narcan. This medication is used to stop the effects of certain drug overdoses, and is administered through the nose. Chief Wenten advises that this has been proven to be a life saving medication, and there is no disadvantage to using it.

Chief Rice advised that the Fire Department is using new software as of July 1, 2014. Chief Rice recognized that Matt Schaenzer has volunteered much effort and time into setting the system up and making it operational. Chief Rice advised that the Fire Department and Police Dispatch are using the "I Am Responding" software which has been working out very well for knowing who is responding to calls, as well as being aware of road closures. Chief Rice advised that he is still in need of Firefighters, and the duty crews are working out well. Chief Rice noted that on June 28, 2014, Cedarburg and Grafton had a combined call total of 28 runs in a 24 hour period. Trustee Harbeck inquired about billing issues, which Chief Rice advised have all been resolved. Commissioner Wolf thanked the Fire Department for the placement of all the markers for long driveways in the Town of Grafton. Commissioner Wolf advised that there are approximately 70 driveways that are over 1,000 feet long, in the Town of Grafton.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Harbeck adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried.