

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014

The Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair 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, and Administrative Assistant Clarissa Allen

Other Officials present: Trustee David Liss and Trustee Dave Antoine

Others present: Dr. Steve Zils, Rick Boeshaar, Mark Giaimo, Jennifer Cuske-Dunn

Person Requesting To Be Heard

Mark Giaimo, 1037 17th Avenue, is requesting better signage to prohibit vehicles from passing on the shoulder of Grafton Avenue, and a solar powered speed sign to be placed on Grafton Avenue in the area of 17th Avenue to assist in slowing down vehicles traveling at excessive speeds. Mr. Giaimo advised that many area children and residents walk in the area daily and the traffic moves dangerously fast. Chief Wenten advised that he is aware of the problem with vehicles speeding in that area, and has recently had more directed patrol in that area. Chief did agree that speed signs are effective and he has recently looked into purchasing a solar powered speed sign; however, the cost is extremely high. Chief Wenten advised that he has been researching other options for signage, and will bring this information to the December Public Safety Commission meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the October 14, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Amend Chapter 8.32 regarding Abatement of Health Nuisances

Building Inspector Tom Johnson reported that his department receives approximately one to three complaints per month regarding health nuisances. In the past the Board of Health handled these complaint; however, that board was eliminated in 1997. Building Inspector Johnson is recommending that Chapter 8.32 regarding Abatement of Health Nuisances be amended to show the Village Board shall have and exercise the powers as provided in that chapter.

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to recommend the Village Board approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 8.32 regarding abatement of health nuisances. Motion carried.

Status of Paramedic Program upgrade and Informational Hearing

Chief Rice presented a synopsis of the current level of EMS certifications for the Grafton Fire Department, as well as other Fire Departments in Ozaukee County. Chief Rice also discussed the criterion which is followed for requesting a paramedic to respond for a call. Currently, when a paramedic is requested they are coming from either Thiensville or Port Washington Fire Departments. The Wisconsin EMS Feasibility Study for the Grafton Paramedic Program was distributed and discussed. Discussion took place regarding how the program works and the cost involved. Trustee Grant would like area businesses to be approached to consider allowing their employees to become involved to respond to calls during business hours as a member of the EMS crew. Chief Rice advised that there has been an Informational Hearing for the public scheduled to be held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. just prior to the Village Board meeting. Chief Rice is requesting approval for this public hearing to be held. The Public Safety Commission request that the Feasibility Study be posted for the public to view prior to the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to hold an Informational Hearing for the public on November 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Emergency Medical Services Funding Assistance Program Grant

Chief Rice advised that this is a grant that is received every year. This year the Grafton Fire Department will be receiving \$5,574.05 from the State. Of this amount, \$4,054.86 can be used for ambulances, equipment supplies and equipment not funded in the annual budget. The Fire Department is going to use this amount to purchase a laptop computer which can be taken on calls and used to complete reports. The remainder, \$1,519.91 will be used for EMT Basic training costs. Chief Rice is requesting permission to receive this grant for these purposes.

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Commissioner Eernisse to recommend the Village Board accept the Emergency Medical Services Funding Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$5,574.05. Motion carried.

Request to repeal Municipal Code Section 2.36.060 Retirement of Police Officers

Chief Wenten advised that the Police Department has invested a significant amount of time and resources into its Officers, and that it is not in the Village's best interest, or the citizens of Grafton's best interest, to require Officers to retire at the age of 60. The service of our Officers is based on ability, not age. All Officers engage in all required

training no matter of age. Chief Wenten is recommending that this section of the ordinance be repealed.

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to recommend the Village Board approve an ordinance to repeal Section 2.36.060 regarding retirement of police officers. Motion carried.

Award of marked squad bid

Chief Wenten advised that three bids for squads were received. Initially Schmit Ford Thiensville was the lowest bidder; however November 5, 2014 Schmit Ford notified us that the price they quoted was no longer valid and removed their bid from consideration. Ewald Automotive then became the lowest bidder, providing a price of \$81,798.00 for three squads. This is \$2,798.00 over the budgeted amount of \$79,000.00. This overage will be found in savings from purchasing portable radios and the gigabit switch.

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to recommend the Village Board approve the purchase of three marked police vehicles from Ewald Automotive, Oconomowoc, WI at a cost of \$81,798 with delivery and payment to be made after January 1, 2015. Motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

October Benchmarks

Chief Wenten advised there has been an increase in accidents, as well as 911 calls. As with other months, there continues to be an increase over 2013 in involuntary commitments. Lobby assists are still being monitored to determine if there has been a discrepancy in tracking them, as they continue to be down compared to last year's statistics. The lobby continues to be busy, with no decrease over the past several months noted. Chief Wenten advised that the lobby continues to be used as a place for citizens to ask for assistance.

Chief also informed the Commissioners that the Police Department is partnering with Family Sharing as an afterhours resource for families in need of assistance. Family Sharing will be storing non perishable food items to be distributed to persons in need at the Police Department. This service will fulfill Family Sharing's grant requirement to provide service 24 hours a day.

Overtime

Chief Wenten advised that overtime is still down for the year. The department is working to streamline the scheduling for shift movement. There has been minimal FMLA.

Chief Rice continues to work on a benchmark reporting system. This will be included as part of the agenda for future Public Safety Commission meetings.

Chief Wenten updated the Commission that there is an additional crossing guard now that has been hired for the intersection of 17th Avenue and Washington Street. There are now two crossing guards at this intersection which is very beneficial with the increased amount of traffic due to the change in schools start and end time.

Chief Wenten advised he was very pleased with the results of the Community Survey which will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. The Police Department received favorable reviews from the community, as well as other Village departments.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Commissioner Wolf adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.