

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY *13, 2015

*Amended

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

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to approve the November 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Upgrade Emergency Medical Service to Paramedic-Level service

Chief Rice advised that the Grafton Fire Department to ready to move forward with this program. All training has been completed, and the upgrade has been discussed with substantial support from both the Public Safety Commission and the public at the Informational Hearing which was held in November 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Eernisse, to recommend the Village Board approve the Grafton Fire Department's request to upgrade its Emergency Medical Service to the Paramedic Program Level. Motion carried.

Report of 2014 benchmark measurements – Police Department

Chief Wenten noted a significant increase in Involuntary Commitments in 2014. Property Crimes have diminished in part due to special directives such as directed patrol and door checking. Officers are keeping busy and visible to the community. The Zero Tolerance Policy has also had a significant impact on the amount of directed patrols being reduced for the parks. Calls for service in 2014 have been consistent with 2013. Chief Wenten also spoke about the manner in which statistics are being tabulated for the benchmarks, and wanted to impress on the Commission that several areas are being reviewed for more accurate reporting. The manner in which Accidents Investigated is reported for December 2014 was modified to only show the number of actual accident reports being written. This data did not include accidents investigated where no report was written because of a time lapse in reporting, or involved parties deciding they no longer wish to have a report filed, or subjects who chose to complete the self reporting accident form. Staff is reviewing the task to determine the best method

for accurately reporting the activity and events. The reporting of Lobby Assists activity is also being monitored. Chief Wenten advised there is a large statistical drop in Lobby Assists being recorded in 2014 versus 2013. Staff is reporting that there is no change in the amount of lobby traffic. This difference is possibly due in part to missed accounting due to attention to other, more pressing, issues. Chief Wenten will continue to review this.

Trustee Proefrock inquired about the drug collection box in the lobby and if it was being utilized. Chief Wenten advised that we are continuing to collect large amounts of prescription drugs, and feels it is a necessary service to provide to the public. Chief Wenten represents Grafton on the Heroin Task force and is convinced it is necessary to continue collecting drugs, especially the opiate type drugs that are contributing to the drug epidemic in Ozaukee County. There has become a challenge; however, in disposing of the drugs. Chief Wenten is exploring options for disposing of the medications, such as partnering with surrounding agencies and Counties. The cost to do so may be as much as \$1,500 - \$2,000 to dispose of them, or renting a box truck to deliver them to a waste facility in Indiana. Chief Wenten made the commission aware that this cost had not been budgeted for in 2014. Trustee Grant suggested that Cedarburg Pharmaceuticals being contacted for possible assistance. Chief Wenten will follow up on this.

Report of benchmark measurements – 2015 Goals

Chief Rice advised he has created a benchmark measurement report that mirrors the Police Departments report. Chief Rice advised that 2014 has been comparable to 2013 in the number of calls.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

November and December Overtime

Chief Wenten advised that the amount of overtime for 2014 is down from 2013. This is in part due to a significant amount of in-house training performed in 2014, which helped keep overtime down for shift coverage and travel expenses.

Speed complaint Grafton Avenue

Chief Wenten met with Gary Helm of Department of Public Works and viewed the area of Grafton Avenue where the complaints are being received. Chief Wenten suggested the possibility of cutting speed slots in the roadway. Gary Helm advised that cutting grates in the roadway to slow down traffic may result in area residents complaining of the noise generated by the grates. Chief Wenten advised that he has looked into a stationary hard-wired LED speed sign, which would cost approximately \$25,000.00, and also a portable LED speed sign, estimated to cost \$5,000.00; however, there is not money in the budget to allow either one of these options. Trustee Grant commented that one of these signs should possibly be budgeted for in 2016. Chief Wenten advised that he will continue to have enforcement in the area as much as possible.

Waukesha Metal Products parking restrictions

Chief Wenten advised that he was contacted via email by a Waukesha Metals representative requesting further prohibited parking on the street at their company. Chief Wenten advised the representative that they should present their request to the Public Safety Commission. Trustee Grant advised that this was addressed several years ago. Chief Wenten recently viewed the area and noted that there was already signage. Trustee Grant advised that this will not be addressed until further information is received from the company.

Trustee Grant inquired about the Automatic License Plate Reader being purchased by the Police Department. Chief Wenten advised that he is working with the Mequon Police Department in making a combined purchase with them (they are also purchasing similar devices from the same manufacturer) in hopes of realizing savings on the initial purchase, installation and setup and training of personnel.

Trustee Harbeck commented that there is a need for more signage regarding weight restrictions on Falls Road, for heavy trucks traveling westbound from Port Washington Road. Commissioner Wolf will address this with the Town of Grafton.

Chief Rice advised he is looking forward to the Public Officials Night at the Grafton Fire Department on January 29, 2015. He said this is a great opportunity for Committee and Board members to meet and greet members of the Fire Department, and view the building and equipment. Chief Rice also advised that the green Fire Department van has now been retired, and a new red pickup truck has been put into service. Both new ambulances have been delivered and they are in the process of being made ready for service. The new Sport Utility Vehicle has also been delivered and will be ready for service soon.

Chief Wenten advised that since partnering with Family Sharing as an after-hours distribution location for persons needing food, we have assisted two people already.

Chief Wenten also relayed that over the holidays there have been several bold and high value thefts from Dick's and Target. These thefts were well organized by the actors. An incident that occurred last week at Target resulted in four felony retail theft arrests, all charges issued by the District Attorney. Items of heroin paraphernalia and thefts were confiscated. This incident occurred between first and second shift shift-change, and required all available Officers including Chief Wenten and Captain Grissom, to respond. In addition to this event occurring, Chief Rice pointed out that other calls for service continued to come into the Police Department.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.