

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

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, and Bob Wolf

Commissioner absent: Joe Eernisse

Staff present: Police Chief Charles Wenten, Fire Chief Bill Rice, and Administrative Assistant Clarissa Allen

Person Requesting To Be Heard

Mark Giaimo, 1039 17th Avenue, stated that he has noticed the increased police presence in the area of 17th Avenue and Grafton Avenue. He wished to thank the Police Department for their presence in the area. Mr. Giaimo feels that there is still a need for enforcement due to continued vehicles speeding in the area. Chief Wenten advised that since February 27, 2015 there have been 36 directed patrols conducted in the area of 17th Avenue and Grafton Avenue. There have been nine citations/written warnings issued due to the directed patrol. Chief Wenten has viewed the area with Gary Helm of Department of Public Works and options were discussed, such as grooves in the roadway to slow down traffic, purchasing a LED speed sign, or purchasing a portable speed sign. Chief Wenten advised that any additional signs or physical changes to the roadway need to be approved by Ozaukee County. Chief Wenten will speak with the Ozaukee County Highway Department about partnering with them on a resolution to the speed complaints from this area. Mr. Giaimo was also encouraged to contact a Town Supervisor for this area to voice his concerns.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the January 13, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Ordinance to amend Section 9.44.021 – Habitual Truancy

Chief Wenten conducted a review of the Habitual Truancy ordinance, noting that only the issue of Habitual Truancy was addressed, where Truancy also needed to be included in the ordinance as a first step for addressing the violation. Chief Wenten also advised that according to state statute, and forfeiture of not more than \$500 plus costs may be assessed against the parent(s) and guardian(s) for the child's violation of truancy or habitual truancy.

Trustee Harbeck questioned how cases of truancy where a family issue is contributing to it, is dealt with. Chief Wenten advised that the more significant cases of truancy may be a family issue contributing to the truancy, are also handled by Department of Social Services.

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Grant to recommend the Village Board approve an ordinance to update Section 9.44.021 regarding Truancy. Motion carried.

Ordinance – No Parking on Cheyenne Avenue 750 feet north of WIS 60

Chief Wenten described the traffic congestion and hazards relating to the morning and afternoon rush hours being experienced by traffic traveling on Cheyenne Avenue, north of WIS 60. The traffic congestion is occurring due to increased traffic accessing the Grafton High School, and businesses to the east and west of Cheyenne Avenue, north of WIS 60. Chief Wenten is requesting No Parking signs be placed in this area, as a means of diminishing the potential for an even greater traffic congestion hazard.

Motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to recommend the Village Board approve an ordinance to amend Section 10.36.010 – no parking on both the east and west side of Cheyenne Avenue, for a distance of 750 feet north of the north curb line of WIS 60. Motion carried.

Ordinance – Update Chapter 16.20 regarding Private Alarm Systems

Chief Wenten explained the private alarm system ordinance has historically dealt with the permits and requirements for the use of alarm systems in private residences, and industrial and commercial buildings. Since adding Chapter 9.63 Digital Security Imaging System Requirements in 2007, it became evident that there was a need to update the private alarm system chapter to avoid contradictory measures between the two ordinances. One item that was identified as needing updating is the fee for the permit issued in this chapter. Currently the fee is \$15.00, which is insufficient to address the costs associated with permit review, data entry and alarm information verification. Chief Wenten is requesting an increase in this fee to \$25.00.

Trustee Harbeck questioned the need to have elevators added to the section prohibiting auto dialers. Chief Wenten advised that due to the unique circumstances of elevator emergencies, it is recommended that an exception be made for elevator emergency phones.

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Grant to recommend the Village Board approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 16.20 – Residential, Industrial and Commercial Alarm System Permits and Requirements. Motion carried.

Establish Development fee for DSIS systems relating to Chapter 9.63 Digital Security Imaging System Requirements

Chief Wenten advised that after review of the current code and mandates of specific surveillance system requirements by commercial businesses falling under the requirements of this Chapter, the Police Department's current computer system is insufficient to accommodate all the mandated surveillance system requirements for these businesses and the potential new growth in businesses affected by this Chapter. Chief Wenten explained that these new developments are driving the necessity for an updated computer monitoring system for these digital security imaging requirements, and is proposing a onetime fee of \$100 for each mandated camera. This fee would be due prior to approval of any occupancy or building permit, and would be invoiced to the property owner.

Also while reviewing development plans, it was found that the ordinance was lacking specific areas that should be monitored with a panic button and camera. Chief Wenten explained that wording mandating this, should be added to Chapter 9.63. Chief Wenten advised that the Digital Security Imaging Systems are tested three times per year for compliance and operability. During this testing, a review of current camera locations, and any physical changes at the location will require review of the original application, and possible additional development fees.

A brief question and answer session occurred between Chief Wenten and committee members regarding current commercial systems already in place in the Village of Grafton, the number of cameras the Police Department is currently monitoring, and the manner in which they are monitored and response to activated panic buttons.

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Harbeck to recommend the Village Board approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 9.63 – Digital Security Imaging Systems. Motion carried.

Police Department 2014 Annual Report

Chief Wenten advised that the annual report highlights many of the accomplishments of the Police Department in 2014. Committee members commented that they found the 2014 Annual Report to be very well done, and expressed their pleasure with the Police Department's accomplishments. Chief Wenten also thanked the committee and the Village Board for their support, as well as the citizens of Grafton.

Report of Police Department benchmarks for January and February

Chief Wenten advised that benchmarks have remained consistent during January and February.

Report of Fire Department benchmarks for January and February

Chief Rice advised that benchmarks for January and February are consistent as well. Chief Rice also advised that the Division Chief position has again been placed on the Village website and Chief Rice is hopeful in receiving more applications this time.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

January and February Overtime

Chief Wenten advised that overtime has increased over this time last year. This is partially due to additional investigation focused on a critical incident call that occurred in February.

Prescription drug disposal

Chief Wenten has been notified that the State of Wisconsin is going to begin covering the cost of disposal of prescription medication that is being deposited in the drop box located in the lobby of the Police Department. This will relieve the department of a significant expense of trying to dispose of it on our own.

Placement of stop signs on Spring Street

Chief Wenten advised that he had received a citizen request of putting stop signs up at the Spring Street intersections with Fourth, Sixth, and Seventh Avenues. Chief Wenten advised that he does not feel there is a need for this at this time; there are no statistics to support this action.

Trick or Treating

Chief Wenten advised that the City of Cedarburg has established a standardized Trick or Treating day as the last Saturday of October. Chief Wenten stated that Grafton and Cedarburg historically coordinate trick or treating the same date and time. Chief Wenten is requesting that Grafton also use the last Saturday of October from 5 – 8 p.m. The Committee agreed with this, and noted it.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Commissioner Wolf adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.