

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

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

Commissioners present: Trustee Lisa Harbeck, Trustee Dean Proefrock, Trustee David Antoine, Bob Wolf, and Joe Eernisse

Staff present: Police Captain Joseph Gabrish, Fire Chief Bill Rice, Fire Division Chief Matt Karpinski, and Administrative Assistant Clarissa Allen

Persons request to be heard

Fire Chief Rice introduced the Grafton Fire Department's new Division Chief, Matt Karpinski.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Antoine to approve the April 14, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Donation for Emergency Medical Dispatch software

Chief Rice advised there is an initiative by the Aurora Health Care Foundation and Dr. Zils to bring this software to the Village and Town of Grafton. This opportunity is supported by the Village President and Town of Grafton officials who want Grafton to be on the forefront of providing immediate emergency pre-arrival instructions to victims while they wait for professional emergency medical assistance to arrive at their location. The software can also provide the location of all Automated External Defibrillators within the Village of Grafton in relation to the location of the specific call for service, which is a great benefit for pre-arrival care. Grafton's share of implementation of the EMD system will be \$20,000, the Village will pay \$15,000 and the Town \$5,000 with an approximate \$4,000 per year annual maintenance fee starting next year. It is likely that the Town of Grafton will also be responsible for a small share of the start-up cost as well as an annual fee. This will be discussed at the May 13, 2015 Town Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Proefrock to recommend the Village Board donate \$15,000 to the Aurora Health Care Foundation for the purchase of the Emergency Medical Dispatch software and related training. Motion carried.

Request to apply for Police Department body-worn camera grant

Captain Gabrish relayed that a grant opportunity has become available through the U.S. Office of Justice Programs for the purpose of a 50 percent match grant to purchase body-worn cameras. The grant is being awarded to 50 Law Enforcement agencies with

one-third of the grants being awarded to smaller Law Enforcement agencies. Future body-worn cameras purchased will function from the same squad audio and video software currently outfitted in Grafton Police Departments squad cars. All grant funding would be used to offset the purchase price of currently budgeted equipment purchases.

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Antoine to recommend the Village Board authorize the Police Department to participate in the U.S. Office of Justice Programs grant application process for body-worn cameras. Motion carried.

Report of Benchmark Measurements – Police Department

Captain Gabrish pointed out that citations, directed patrol and involuntary commitments are increased over this time last year. The amount of traffic stops, accidents, alarms and door checks are consistent with last year. Violent Crimes are down from last year. Lobby assists are reflecting a lower amount than this time last year, partly due to the change in accounting of the number of walk-ins to the Police Department lobby. Walk-ins strictly using the community room as part of monthly business group meetings are not being taken into consideration as a citizen assist because they are not using the dispatch window.

Report of Benchmark Measurements – Fire Department

Chief Rice explained that the amount of fire calls year to date is down however EMS calls have increased from this time last year. It was noted that the number of calls requiring Advanced Life Support skills is now included on the Fire Department Benchmark Report. Chief Rice updated the committee on the status of the Paramedic Program, advising that there are currently three full-practice Paramedics and six in their final field training responding to calls. Dr. Zils is currently evaluating other Paramedics who are in the shadow phase and will soon be released to respond to calls on their own.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

April Overtime

Captain Gabrish advised that complaint investigation overtime is significantly higher year to date than in 2014, largely due to a critical incident call that the Police Department responded to in February. Sick coverage overtime is up due to several Patrol Officers having FMLA. Captain Gabrish continues to schedule staff accordingly to cut back on overtime due to training and schools.

Grafton Fire Department changes with radio and apparatus

Chief Rice advised that there has been no decision made yet county wide regarding replacement of radios, or how this will be funded. He is waiting for Ozaukee County to make a decision on this, which he believes will be coming within the next two to three years. There is the potential for a shared cost savings by partnering with Washington County for radio services. Chief Rice advised that there is the potential for large costs associated with replacing the radios.

Chief Rice is also looking at several different options for updating and replacing the Fire Department's pumpers. Options to be considered include refurbishing an engine and adding front suction, draft capabilities, flood lighting, and space to carry large capacity fans. The ladder truck will be replaced in 2016. Chief Rice is considering the different features needed on the apparatus, as well as keeping the fleet all similar in nature to reduce the amount of training needed from one unit to another. Chief Rice would be receptive to any opinions or recommendations from the committee regarding replacement of the apparatus. Chief Rice is planning on presenting a plan for replacement of some of the apparatus within the next couple months, advising the committee that there is currently no funding being requested for this in the Five Year Capital Improvement Program, and it could be potentially very costly.

Grafton Holiday traffic control on Highway V/Grafton Avenue

Captain Gabrish advised that the detour for Highway V/Grafton Avenue will be set up as it was last year, with Cheyenne Avenue being used as the detour route. Barricades and "No Parking" signs will be placed well in advance along Highway V/Grafton Avenue, and Reserve Officers will be posted in the area one hour before the fireworks to patrol the area and allow area residents access to and from their homes. Chief Rice added that the Fire Department will be utilizing caution tape and fencing in the area of the fireworks to keep the public out of prohibited areas.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Trustee Antoine to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried.