

VILLAGE OFGRAFTON

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 30, 2015

The Police and Fire Commission meeting was called to order by Commission President Robert Poull at 7:00 p.m.

Commission members present: Robert Poull, Paul Moroder, Kevin Plato, Mike Verplancke, and Bill Roden

Staff/Officials present: Chief Charles Wenten and Chief William Rice

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2015 POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

The request was made to add to add "Respectfully submitted by (secretary of PFC)" at the bottom of minutes.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Plato to approve the April 9, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF COMMISSION PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

Motion by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Plato to nominate Commissioner Moroder as President. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Moroder, seconded by Commissioner Roden to nominate Commissioner Verplancke as Secretary. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Calls for service for 2015 are relatively the same as in 2014, but the depth of calls are different, with crime driven by drug addictions, especially opiates.

The Police Department does more than report taking when crimes and events occur. There was an episode of credit card theft at Goodwill, and the offender was picked up approximately six days later.

Dispatch gives excellent assistance to officers and their efforts are appreciated. To begin Emergency Medical Dispatch, which is a software system that will receive a rescue call and will have a series of medical questions to be entered to get an appropriate response in a timelier manner, in conjunction with the Fire Department.

Chief Wenten is proud to see the sidewalks of Grafton full of people walking and running, indicating a level of harmony in the community. He gave accolades to the Police and Fire Commission for excellence in the selection of officers on staff.

The officers take calls for others and demonstrate a good team effort.

The first license plate reader to photograph vehicles and plates will be in use soon.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85(1)(c) FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS (prepare for and conduct Grafton Fire Department reassignment/promotion candidates' oral interviews)

Motion by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Verplancke at 7:18 p.m. to convene to closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Personnel Matters (prepare for and conduct Grafton Fire Department reassignment/promotion candidates' oral interviews).

President Moroder-Aye
Commissioner Roden-Aye
Commissioner Poull-Aye

Commissioner Verplancke-Aye
Commissioner Plato-Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote.

A closed session of approximately one hour and three minutes occurred. During the closed session, the Commissioners interviewed and discussed the candidates up for reassignment or promotion.

Based on the interview of candidates, a list was forwarded to the Fire Chief of acceptable candidates.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner Poull, seconded by President Moroder at 8:21 p.m. to reconvene to open session. Motion carried by roll call vote.

HEAR PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Fire Department structure is improving. More recruiting signs are posted, and there is a website for recruitment, and also on Facebook to have new members join.

Although organization is improving, response of volunteers can still be limited.

The Paramedic program is up and running but it has been difficult to obtain and maintain paramedic volunteers. Great feedback has been received from Dr. Zils, an

emergency room doctor at Aurora Medical Center - Grafton, who has helped maintain and keep high standards. The paramedics can give pain medications on EMS calls through IVs, which improves quality of care immediately. The paramedics can also give Ketamine as a tranquilizer to assist with people who are more aggressive or may be harmful to themselves or others.

The Fire Inspector has increased the number of follow up contacts on inspection matters and proper codes are being implemented.

Recently, the number of emergency calls have increased, following a lower number of calls earlier in the year.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter of resignation was read by President Moroder from Jennifer Cuske-Dunn of the Grafton Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Roden, seconded by Commissioner Poull, at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner Mike Verplancke