

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2009

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Jim Grant

Committee members present: Jim Grant, Sue Meinecke and David Liss

Staff/Officials present: Chief Charles Wenten and Administrative Assistant Pat Hofstad

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

REQUEST TO HOLD LAKEFRONT MARATHON

The Badgerland Striders have again requested to begin their annual run at the Grafton High School. They will be traveling to Cheyenne Avenue and then onto Falls Road. The event will be held Sunday, October 4, 2009, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Chief Wenten recommended approval of the event, stating it has been a success in the past.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Liss, to recommend the Village Board approve the request for the Lakefront Marathon race as presented. Approved unanimously.

REPORT OF BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS

Chief Wenten noted that many numbers are up; citing the increase in criminal complaints, recognizing that the Police Department is dealing with more significant issues. He believes the increase in domestic incidents and property thefts may be in part due to economic times. Retail thefts in particular have shown an increase.

Chief Wenten informed the Committee the Police Department will continue to provide a safe atmosphere for its citizens.

POLICE OFFICER OVERTIME COMPARISON / MAY AND JUNE

Police overtime was shown to be approximately 50 percent lower in comparison with 2008.

POLICE OFFICER OVERTIME COMPARISON / JANUARY

The overtime budget was favorably reviewed at 59 hours for the month.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Property maintenance ordinances were briefly discussed. Chief Wenten advised he has reviewed four ordinances and found them either to be too specific or too vague. Chair Grant asked Chief Wenten to check with the League of Municipalities for more sample ordinances.

There was no further information on the 13th Avenue and Washington Street intersection. Squads continue to monitor for pedestrian safety.

The 2010 budget was discussed and the challenges it will bring. Chair Grant asked how the hospital will affect the Police Department. Chief Wenten reiterated that as noted in his report to the Village Board on the hospital proposal in 2007, the Police Department will have significant exposure with phone calls and officer requests, citing issues that will come into the ER. Officers will continue to take emergency detentions to Columbia - St. Mary's Ozaukee hospital in Mequon.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Approved unanimously.