

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2009

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

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

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

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

Ken Quinnies, 2101 Chateau Court, #201, was present to discuss a concern for vehicles turning left (south) onto First Avenue from Oak Street. He indicated that there is a blind spot at this intersection which causes vehicles to move onto First Avenue to be able to see traffic. Chair Grant requested Chief Wenten review the intersection and return with a recommendation next month.

ACCEPT GRAFTON FOR HAWK SIGNALS ON 13TH AVENUE AND STATE TRUNK HIGHWAY 60

Michael May, P.E. Traffic Analysis & Design was present to provide information regarding the HAWK (High Intensity Activated Cross Walk) signals. Mr. May was hired by the Village of Grafton to oversee installation of the HAWK signal at 13th Avenue and STH 60.

Chief Wenten commented the signal needs to be timed properly to minimize back up at 12th Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue.

Mr. May demonstrated how the HAWK works to the Committee. He confirmed that this signal will be coordinated with the red signal on 12th Avenue at Washington Street. The HAWK is "dark" until a pedestrian pushes the cross button. It was determined that all types of walkers would have enough time to cross. Chief Wenten asked if the Police Department has the statutory authority to enforce a violation of red light signal. Mr. May will research and relay this information back to Chief Wenten. It was noted that a six month study has been done on the HAWK signal which showed 97 percent compliance of vehicles stopping properly for pedestrians. Funding and experimentation was discussed to the Committee's satisfaction. The Village share of this project will be \$18,509, which will be funded by the TID #3 – Parking Lot budget.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Liss, to recommend the Village Board accept the HSIP grant in the amount of \$166,578 and fund the \$18,509 for installation of a HAWK signal at 13th Avenue and STH 60.
Approved unanimously.

POLICE OFFICER OVERTIME COMPARISON / OCTOBER

Committee members commented that overtime continues to be favorable. Chief Wenten acknowledged that much of the credit goes to the Officers for scheduling changes they endure.

REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE / HUNTER'S LANE AT IROQUOIS AVENUE

A request was made at the October meeting for signage at Hunter's Lane at Iroquois Avenue. Chief Wenten advised the speed trailer was placed on Hunter's Lane at Iroquois Avenue from October 16-19, 2009, with data showing an average speed of 29 miles per hour. He recommended no action be taken on this request. The Committee was in agreement with this decision. The Police department will continue to monitor the speed and traffic in that area. Trustee Meinecke will advise Mr. Mathews of the outcome of his request.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

A property ordinance was briefly discussed. Chief Wenten stated the best one he has found is Chapter 17 written by Building Inspector Tom Johnson. It was again noted by Chief Wenten that individual issues are generally complied with upon request.

Chair Grant advised there are currently 3 parking spaces in front of the Wag 'n Tails Pet Grooming at 1003 Washington Street. He asked if these spaces could be made into 2-hour parking stalls, as employees from a neighboring business are parking there all day. Chief Wenten will research if the downtown boundaries for 2-hour parking can be extended. Chief Wenten will report back to the Committee next month.

Chief Wenten discussed a new group being formed for owners of multi-family housing complexes. Officer Scott Brinkman is heading up the group, which will be an exchange of information, allowing rental owners a police contact for issues and questions. The first meeting is Friday, November 13.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.
Approved unanimously.