

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2010

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 Lisa Harbeck

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

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

Nicole Grumbley, 1631 N. Pine Street, was present to discuss what she perceives as a pedestrian safety issue at 17th Avenue and Bridge Street. She has seen vehicles pass on the right when another vehicle has stopped for a pedestrian, and also advised of vehicles speeding in that area. Chief Wenten inquired if she has seen increased enforcement, which she responded she has, with traffic stops being made. He indicated that continued contact with offending vehicles may stop the bulk of the offenders.

It was discussed that children could walk to Washington Street and 17th Avenue to cross with the crossing guard. There was also discussion that ideally two crossing guards should be placed at the 17th Avenue /Washington Street location. A decision was made by Committee members to continue to monitor this location through directed patrol and enforcement.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

John Chvala and Eric Pflieger, owners of Advanced Technology, International, were present to answer any questions regarding their donation to the Police Department. Mr. Chvala advised their company sells rifles and accessories, and wanted to support the community through this donation.

Chief Wenten noted that this donation comes at a very opportune time as one of the AR-15s was recently assigned to the Special Response Team. These weapons will supplement the current inventory. Some of the gun accessories were also explained. An outdoor shooting is being planned, and Chair Grant asked if Committee members could be invited to view the training. Chief Wenten will see if this can be coordinated. All Committee members thanked Mr. Chvala and Mr. Pflieger for their generous donation.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to recommend the Village Board accept a donation from Advanced Technology International, LLC for rifles and accessories for a total value of \$12,135.55. Approved unanimously.

AWARD OF SQUAD BIDS

Chief Wenten advised that the low bid for two marked 2011 squad cars is from Schmit Bros., Saukville, WI, for a total cost of \$43,637.28. There was \$48,000.00 included in the 2011 recommended budget for these squads. The unmarked squad bid was rejected as the bids were over the budgeted amount. New bids are due on Friday, October 15, 2010.

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Liss, to recommend the Village Board approve the purchase of two 2011 marked squads from Schmit Bros., Saukville, WI, for a total cost of \$43,637.28, with delivery and payment to be made after January 1, 2011. Approved unanimously.

REPORT OF BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS

The report was reviewed by Committee members. Chief Wenten presented information from a recent Ozaukee County drug task force report. There was a dramatic increase in both drugs seized and felony and misdemeanor charges over this time last year. Grafton has been able to provide additional resources and manpower towards this effort over the past 2 years, and the return on this investment has been very good, while still being able to provide quality police services.

Chair Grant asked that the media be provided with the benchmark statistics, which shows the diverse workload of the Department.

POLICE OVERTIME COMPARISON / SEPTEMBER

The September overtime comparison was favorably reviewed.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion that the pedestrian signs should be available this week for placement at John Long Middle school.

There was brief discussion on beverage restrictions in parks.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Approved unanimously.