

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2011

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

Committee members present: Jim Grant, David Antoine and David Liss

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

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None

REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE / 11TH AVENUE AND MAPLE STREET

At the May meeting, residents requested a 4-way stop at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Maple Street. Police Officers monitored traffic on June 1, 2, and 3. He advised of some congestion at pick up and drop off times for Kennedy Elementary School students, but overall, there was no heavy traffic, and all vehicles slowed prior to entering into the intersection. The intersection is open and visible. Due to these findings Chief Wenten recommended no signage at this intersection. He recommended re-visiting the traffic at this location next fall. Committee members supported his recommendation.

Julie Driebel will be contacted with this information.

**ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 5.16.030(K)
OPERATORS LICENSES**

Chief Wenten advised he has been working with Village Clerk Dylak to provide written guidelines for the approval/denial of Operators licenses. These guidelines would be included with all Operators license applications. Chief Wenten believes this ordinance change is reasonable and defensible. Committee members favorably reviewed the draft Ordinance on Operators license.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to recommend the Village Board approve draft Ordinance repealing and recreating Section 5.16.030(K) – Operators license. Approved unanimously.

POLICE OFFICER OVERTIME / MAY

Overtime has continued to rise over last year. Chief Wenten advised that FMLA issues are causing overtime as well as continued furlough days, and an officer vacancy. Also affecting the May overtime was training for all employee on new software. His staff continues to exercise all options to alleviate overtime.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS / MAY

Chief Wenten noted that involuntary commitments and domestic violence incidents are twice what they were last year. An error in lobby assists identified in the report was noticed and will be corrected.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Cedar Creek Road Speed Limit.

Chair Grant received an email from Joe Rintelman, Cedarburg Town Supervisor, 5205 Cedar Creek Road, asking the Public Safety Committee to consider lowering the speed limit on Cedar Creek Road. Currently there are three speed limits on Cedar Creek Road. It should be noted that Mr. Rintelman arrived at the meeting during this discussion. Chair Grant discussed lowering the limit to 25 m.p.h. or 35 m.p.h. on Cedar Creek Road west of Maple Road up to the new subdivision. Chief Wenten was concerned that the Town of Cedarburg would not be willing to make the change, and asked that their approval be confirmed and that the ordinances are drafted together for consistency.

Mole Creek Park Concerns

As a follow up of juvenile concerns at Mole Creek Park, Chief Wenten advised that officers were at this location 31 times with no incidents noted.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Approved unanimously.