

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2011

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Trustee David Liss.

Committee members present: David Antoine and David Liss

Committee member absent: Chair Grant

Staff/Officials present: Police Chief Charles Wenten, Village President James Brunnuell, Trustee Sue Meinecke, and Administrative Assistant Pat Hofstad

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Trustee Liss, to appoint Trustee Liss as Chair Pro-Tem. Approved unanimously.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

Julie Greibel, 1737 12th Avenue, requested a 4 way stop at Eleventh Avenue and Maple Street. This request was made in 2010; however, was not approved. Ms.Griebel advised of a concern of speeding and motorists driving inattentively before and after school is let out. She discussed a near accident she recently had at the intersection.

Chief Wenten advised he is working with School Administrators to remind parents to slow down when dropping off and picking up their children from school. He will also confer with the Village Engineer for his opinion on this intersection.

Trustee Meinecke suggested contacting the Kennedy Elementary School parent group to ask if they could find funding for a pedestrian crossing sign similar to those at Woodview Elementary School. A letter to parents from the principal to parents to drive safely also may be of benefit.

This request will be followed up on and will be on the December agenda for action.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Jack and Lisa Strebel, 1299 Bobolink Avenue, were present to request a 4 way stop for West Bridge Street at Bobolink Avenue. There is currently a stop for east and westbound traffic. Drivers continue to roll through these stop signs, and they have seen skid marks from vehicles stopping suddenly upon seeing another car entering the intersection.

Chief Wenten believes that a 4-way stop will not deter people from doing a rolling stop through the intersection. He explained that a stop sign does not necessarily slow traffic. The criteria for signage was discussed. Chief Wenten will confer with the Village Engineer and this item will be on the December agenda for action.

Mrs. Strebel inquired if Chief Wenten looked into the "Alive at 25" program. He advised he did; however, it was cost prohibitive. Trustee Meinecke said that some insurance agencies have yard signs available with a "drive safe" theme.

Chair Pro-Tem Liss relayed that a resident living on Keup Road e-mailed him with speeders on his street. The area will be monitored as time allows.

AWARD OF SQUAD BID

Chief Wenten informed the Committee that Schmit Bros., Saukville, WI had the low bid of \$24,792.88 which included the 3 year extended service plan. This is for a 2012 Ford Police Interceptor.

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Chair Pro-Tem Liss, to recommend the Village Board approve the request for one marked squad from Schmit Bros., Saukville, WI for a total cost of \$24,792.88 with delivery and payment to be made after January 1, 2012. Approved unanimously.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANT TELECOMMUNICATOR POSITION

Chief Wenten advised that a telecommunicator recently resigned from the Department. He stated that the recruitment process has been completed, and he is requesting to fill the position. Funds are available in the 2011 and 2012 budget for this vacancy.

Motion by Chair Pro-Tem Liss, seconded by Trustee Antoine, to recommend the Village Board authorize to fill one (1) vacant Telecommunicator position. Approved unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME COMPARISON / SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Chief Wenten advised that overtime is almost two times higher than the same time last year. There has been a tremendous amount of family leave, in addition to the vacancy and furloughs. The Department continues to exercise all options to cover shifts. Administration continues to cover some vacancies to diminish the overtime impact.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS / SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Statistics were favorably reviewed with minimal discussion. Involuntary commitments continue to increase, partially due to the Aurora Medical Center opening.

Pending citations with a local business were briefly discussed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded by Chair Pro-Tem Liss, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Approved unanimously.