

**VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 13, 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.

**HANDICAP PARKING ISSUES**

Neil Nelson, 1508 Washington Street, was present to report improperly marked handicapped parking stalls in several areas of the Village. Mr. Nelson had previously submitted a partial list of locations to Village staff, and Chief Wenten advised these were immediately addressed. Additional locations were presented to Chief Wenten for follow up to ascertain if they are in compliance with the handicap parking posting requirements.

Mr. Nelson advised he can identify with this issue as he has been handicapped, and noted the importance of these spaces being clearly marked and accessible. The Committee thanked him for his efforts in identifying this issue.

Mr. Nelson also asked that the Police Department monitor delivery trucks who periodically park in the handicap zone in front of the Milwaukee Ale House.

Chair Grant asked that the handicap parking requirements be noted in the Grafton Chamber of Commerce and Village newsletter.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Chief Wenten briefed the Committee on a Hazard Mitigation Plan, from Ozaukee County, which identifies potential disasters and strategies to address them. All members noted it is an extremely comprehensive plan. Chief Wenten advised it is a good resource, and Ozaukee County Emergency Government is requesting we approve this plan.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to recommend the Village Board adopt a resolution to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Approved unanimously.

### **POLICE OFFICER OVERTIME COMPARISON**

It was noted by Chief Wenten that all Police Officer positions are filled, and the Police Department fell within the budgeted overtime amount. Throughout the year, Officers have continued to “step up” during shortages, dealing with many shift changes.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION**

The Cedarburg Fire Department recently donated \$100.00 to the Grafton Police Department for the assistance of the Police Reserves during Maxwell Street Days. Chief Wenten identified that they assisted with traffic control.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Liss, to recommend the Village Board accept the \$100.00 donation from the Cedarburg Fire Department. Approved unanimously.

### **REPORT OF BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS**

Chief Wenten explained certain statistics, noting the large increase in accidents, with a large portion being parking lot accidents. Incident reports, criminal complaints, and alarms have also increased. A decrease in citations was due in part to officer shortages and officers in training during 2008. There was brief discussion on the time taken up by officers for emergency detentions and accidents.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Grant requested “No trucking” signs be posted for southbound vehicles on streets south of Hickory Street. He has seen a number of semis and box trucks driving southbound on the avenues to Washington Street.

Chief Wenten advised a meeting has been set up with Department of Transportation personnel, Senator Glenn Grothman, Dave Murphy, P.E., Director of Public Works, Village Administrator Darrell Hofland and himself to discuss concerns at the 13th Avenue and Washington Street crosswalk. He will report back to the Committee following this meeting.

Chief Wenten advised of a promotion for seat belt awareness held in December, where young drivers at the Grafton Commons were awarded by Police Department personnel and Dr. Terry Ziegler for properly wearing their seat belts. Trustee Meinecke would like to see the high school students who were affected by the traffic deaths of fellow students last year speak to elementary students about their loss.

Chief Wenten informed the Committee that he had nothing to report on the Melody Hills subdivision.

### **ADJOURN**

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