

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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, Sue Meinecke and David Liss.

Staff/Officials present: Chief Charles Wenten, Building Inspector Tom Johnson, and Administrative Assistant Pat Hofstad

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

CODE CHANGES – BUILDING CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Building Inspector Tom Johnson was present to update the Committee on a registration requirement put into place by the Department of Commerce, effective July 1, 2009. It will require building contractor businesses in Wisconsin to register with the State for a 4-year term at a cost of \$100.00. Mr. Johnson advised that a local ordinance will allow us to enforce the requirement instead of relying on the State for assistance. It was discussed that this ordinance would also be a tool to protect property owners against “fly-by-night” contractors.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Liss, to recommend the Village Board adopt changes to Chapter 16, effective July 1, 2009. Approved unanimously.

TOUR DE CURE BIKE RIDE

Police Chief Charles Wenten explained the American Diabetes Association is requesting to hold their fourth annual bike ride on Sunday, June 28, 2009. This event has caused no problems, and we have supplied sufficient personnel.

Chief Wenten advised this date is a concern because it falls between the Giro d’ Grafton bike race and the Holiday event which will be a strain on personnel. Chief Wenten stated that it is appropriate to request the American Diabetes Association reimburse the Village for overtime costs. It was discussed that the Giro bike race reimburses for overtime; however, Village-cosponsored events such as Holiday are exempt. He estimated 20 hours of overtime costing approximately \$800.00 with benefits. The Committee was in agreement with reimbursement of overtime.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to recommend the Village Board approve the Tour de Cure fundraiser bike ride with the condition that the American Diabetes Association reimburse the Police Department for officer overtime. Approved unanimously.

POLICE OFFICER OVERTIME COMPARISON / FEBRUARY

The February overtime continues to decline in comparison to the same period as last year. Chief Wenten advised the Police Department is working at full staff.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Update / Use of Pedestrian Flags

The Committee reviewed the signage, flags (and related policy) which will be located at the intersection of 13th Avenue and Washington Street. Chief Wenten is working with the Department of Public Works on maintenance issues. Prior to implementing, he will be informing the citizens through media articles.

Chair Grant advised of a near accident involving runners from the high school running along Washington Street who were not paying attention to traffic when crossing the crosswalk. He spoke to the Athletic Director regarding the concern; however, he wanted to also bring it to the attention of the Police Department. He also brought up a resident concern that the new garbage containers are being left outside of residences. This will be monitored.

Chief Wenten informed the Committee the new radio software equipment has been installed. This equipment has updated the older base stations and the Department is now able to patch through to other departments.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Approved unanimously.