

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 8, 2008**

Chairman Sally Hollebeak called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Trustee members present: Linda Melton, Scott Kramer

Also, present: President Claeysen, Stephen Appell, Nancy Belt, Tad Whitchurch, James Coppernoll & Chief Todd Houde

Scott Kramer so moved to adopt the amended agenda adding Genoa Street. Linda Melton seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Scott Kramer so moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2008. Linda Melton seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

**POLICE/VILLAGE HALL SIGN**

Chief Todd Houde presented the committee with a village hall/police sign designed by Harder Sign Company. Chief Houde stated that he would recommend placing a sign at the street entrance in order to identify that this is the village hall/police station. It was the consensus of the committee to send this to the finance committee to review the budget. Sally Hollebeak said that she will place this on the next safety committee meeting agenda for further discussion.

**NEW COMPUTER/VIRTUAL COMMAND CENTER**

Chief Todd Houde introduced the committee to a new concept of communication called Virtual Command Center. The Virtual Command Center is a program that would assist the police department in case of non-emergency and emergency situations. Once the police department enters all of the data such as village board members, federal agencies, local police departments' names and numbers this can be used in such events as Cherry Valley Festival Days, Kegel's event, or any major emergency through-out the village. Chief Houde said that he, Detective Hull and both sergeants would only have access to the computer. Chief Houde suggested using drug forfeiture funds to purchase the computer in the amount of \$2,800.00. Chief Houde also informed the committee that there is no costs related to the Virtual Command Center.

**Linda Melton moved to send to the village board authorize Chief Houde to purchase a Dell Laptop Computer with docking station and Microsoft Professional Office at a cost of \$2,800.00 from the drug forfeiture fund. Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.** Attorney Jim Stevens will be asked his opinion if the computer can be purchased using drug forfeiture funds.

**PORTABLE RADIOS**

Chief Todd Houde informed the committee that the police department budgeted to replace two portable police radios. **Scott Kramer moved to send the village board authorizing to purchase two Motorola HT 1250 Portable Radios from Rock River Service in the amount of \$2000.00. Linda Melton seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**GENOA STREET SPEEDERS**

Sally Hollembeak stated that she was asked by a resident to discuss their concerns with the speeding on Genoa Street. Chief Todd Houde stated that will address this matter with the department. Chief Houde said he will address the speed limit signage on Genoa Street with PWD Joe Caveny.

**MONTHLY STATS**

Chief Todd Houde presented the committee with his May & June Monthly Stats. Sally Hollembeak asked the committee to contact Chief Todd Houde with any questions.

**VEBA TRUST FUND**

Chief Todd Houde stated that the police department is concerned with the cost of health insurance costs after retirement. Chief Houde presented the committee with the VEBA Plan which defines (HRA) as a health reimbursement arrangement funded by the employer for the purpose of reimbursing out-of-pocket health care expenses and premiums incurred by an employee, spouse, or qualified IRS dependent(s). This was referred to the personnel committee for review.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Claeysen asked Chief Houde if Carl Kegel has been in contact with the police department to discuss the board's concerns with Kegel's 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration August 2008. Chief Houde stated that he had a meeting with Mr. Kegel and other police agencies and everything is on schedule.

Sally Hollembeak moved to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Recorded by: Village Clerk, Nancy L. Belt

Safety Committee minutes approved by Chairman Sally Hollembeak July 10, 2008