

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 8, 2011

The Public Safety Committee met Monday, August 8, 2011 at Village Hall.

Trustee Sally Hollembeak called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Trustee members present: Sally Hollembeak, Scott Kramer, David Schroeder

Also present: President Claeysen, Chief Todd Houde, Stephen Appell, JoAnn Hudson and Joe Caveny.

Sally Hollembeak moved to adopt the agenda with one addition; Orange Stripes Downtown. Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sally Hollembeak moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2011. Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Golf Cart: Chief Todd Houde presented a report on the Golf Cart the Police Department is requesting. The cost would be \$5,500. There is \$4,000 dollars in the old I-Search account that would be used. Improvements to the cart would cost \$1,500 which would come from the drug fund. The handout addressed the various issues the committee expressed in July regarding proposed uses and storage issues. Chief Houde explained that in the summer months the Golf Cart could possibly be stored in the Police garage or Public Works garage but Players will pick up the Golf Cart free of charge and store it for the winter. Sally Hollembeak moved to send the request from Chief Todd Houde to purchase a Golf Cart not to exceed \$5,500.00 to the Board for approval. Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Radar Data Recorder:

Continued discussion on the radar data recorder. President Claeysen stated that Joe Caveny and Todd Houde have done all the leg work in this but it is not a budgeted expense and the money would have to come from the contingency fund. Stephen Appell does not question that this is a good tool to have but there should be a way to find the money in the budget. JoAnn Hudson stated that we should hang on to our money and not purchase right now. Scott Kramer also agreed it is a great tool but we need to budget for this purchase. It should be added to the 2012 budget not take money from something else. President Claeysen stated that he understands where everyone is coming from but the committee needs to decide what they want to do (either table this until next month or take this to the board). President Claeysen also mentioned that this is great technology that would be greatly used and it does not tie up an officer. Sally Hollembeak moved to send to the Board to purchase the Radar Data Recorder. No one seconded. Consensus of the committee was to keep this on the agenda for next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Nyman Conference: Chief Todd Houde requested that Officer Nyman attend the IATAI training in Bloomington, IL from September 19 - September 23. This training will keep Officer Nyman current with his accident reconstruction certification. The estimated cost is \$1,060. This is a budgeted item under the travel and training line items. Sally Hollembeak moved to send to the board that Officer Nyman attend the IATAI training in Bloomington, IL for a cost not to exceed \$1,060.00. Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Orange Stripes Downtown: It was reported by Sally Hollembeak that the Fire department parks in the Orange Striped areas (no parking) in front of the Fire Station and by the ball diamond during a call or training. The Police Officers cannot differentiate between the Firemen or the general public in order to issue citations. Scott Kramer mentioned that the firemen should display decals on their vehicles. Chief Houde will talk with Chief Wilt regarding this situation.

The owner of the Café wants reserved parking front of her driveway and garage door. Joe Caveny reported that the area has always been considered a loading zone by the village. The dumpsters for the café and the apartments are located there. David Schroeder stated that there cannot be reserved parking on a public right away. Backyard Bar and Grill's reserved signs for carry-out only was also discussed. Chief Todd Houde will talk to Backyard Bar and Grill about these signs.

CHIEF TODD HOUDE'S REPORT:

Grant Information: Chief Todd Houde reported that the police department is eligible for a \$4,750 reimbursing grant from I-Dot to hire back officers for safety checks.

OT/PT Stats: A spreadsheet was passed out with Over-time and Part-time usage.

National Night Out: Chief Houde reported that National Night Out was very successful. There were 40 citizens that showed up; they were very positive and had some good ideas. The Recreation Board is willing to help out next year. JoAnn Hudson mentioned that area businesses should be asked to donate to the event.

Kishwaukee River Information: Chief Houde spoke with the DNR from Wisconsin and they have the same problem as the village with difficulty in controlling the river uses. Wisconsin DNR educates the public with PSA's, signage everywhere stating the rules and strict enforcement of the rules. There is a tubing business that rents out tubes; they are very supportive of Wisconsin's rules.

JoAnn Hudson mentioned about looking through coolers for alcohol. President Claeysen has talked with Attorney Stevens about searching coolers and Attorney Stevens said it can be considered an illegal search. Steve Appell mentioned we should restrict glass in the park and the river. A sign should state no open alcohol and no glass in the park. Scott Kramer stated that he is against the ban of alcohol on the river.

President Claeysen stated that safety on the river and to keep the river clean should be the consensus.

Sally Hollembeak moved to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Recorded by: Kathy Trimble

Sally Hollembeak approved minutes August 22, 2011