

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2012

The Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chair Jim Grant at 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee members present: Jim Grant, David Liss and Dave Antoine

Staff/Officials present: Chief Charles Wenten, and Administrative Assistant Pat Hofstad

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

Kevin Gosselin, 248 W. Orchard Drive, was present to discuss a parking citation his son received on 3/11/12. The temperature was close to 70 degrees, and clearly the vehicle being parked on the street was no threat to public safety. He did not understand why a police officer felt it necessary to issue a parking ticket under these conditions. He advised it was insulting to him, and a terrible lack of discretion on the part of the police officer.

Chief Wenten indicated the ordinance for winter parking is in place until April 1, for a number of different reasons. The option of calling for parking permission and the opportunity to attend a parking conference with the Village Attorney was discussed. Mr. Gosselin is set up to speak with the Attorney regarding the citation.

Mr. Gosselin voiced his displeasure in Chair Grant's e-mail response to his concern, specifically that we can not predict the weather.

Trustee Antoine mentioned that he has requested permission by phone for parking and it has worked well. Trustee Liss also advised of parking citations he received and paid because he knew he was wrong.

Mr. Gosselin noted issuing a parking ticket in this warm weather has the perception of being a "money grabber."

Trustee Liss said the Village Board has set the winter parking ordinance and it is up to the officers to follow it.

Mr. Gosselin again re-iterated this is not a public safety issue. He is not concerned about the \$20 fine, but the principal of the matter.

After further discussion, it was determined all present "agreed to disagree" as to the conditions regarding this citation. Mr. Gosselin will be heard by the Village Attorney who will make a finding on the disposition of the parking citation in question. Mr. Gosselin was given a copy of the February Benchmark Comparison statistics. Chair

Grant asked if he was willing to serve on any committees, and supplied him with an application form.

REQUEST FOR AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION'S TOUR DE CURE BIKE RIDE

The American Diabetes Association has requested to hold the Tour de Cure bike ride on Saturday, June 16, 2012, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the high school. Chief Wenten advised there is minimal exposure in the Village and this event has never posed a concern.

Motion by Trustee Antoine, seconded Trustee Liss, to recommend the Village Board approve the Tour de cure fundraiser bike ride on June 16, 2012, as presented. Approved unanimously.

AMEND ORDINANCE CHAPTER 9.47 / CHRONIC NUISANCE PREMISES

Chief Wenten advised he is requesting a reference to Chapter 9.63 in the Chronic Nuisance Premise ordinance identified in. Chapter 9.63 requires specified businesses to have installed remote access capabilities to alert the police department during a crisis. This will be an additional and effective tool if there is non compliance by a business to install or keep their system functional.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded Trustee Antoine, to recommend the Village Board approve an ordinance regarding Chapter 9.47 / Chronic Nuisance Premises, as presented. Approved unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME COMPARISON / FEBRUARY

The overtime hours are consistent with last year's numbers. Due to the officer shortage and officers attending in-service training, Sgt. Podewils spent significantly less hours in the school, the actual being 48 vs.136 hours scheduled.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS / FEBRUARY

Chief Wenten indicated there continues to be an increase in accidents of which many of them are in parking lots. There is an increase in lobby traffic, and number of reported calls for service reflects a decrease last year but this is due to the manner in which the new software tallies the calls. A good comparison will be given in July after the software has been installed for a year. Calls for service originating for the Aurora Hospital development were discussed. Chief Wenten indicated that Officers were at the facility twice in the several weeks to deal with issues that arose from patients refusing necessary care.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Chair Grant had received a request to limit traffic in the 1500 block of 7th Avenue. This request was made due to P.A.C.E. employees parking on the street, being loud during second and third shift change. Chief Wenten said Officers have been directed to monitor the area and have seen no incidents. Trustee Liss mentioned that he has seen

squads in the area around 11:00 pm monitoring the situation. Chair Grant asked that this item be on the April agenda for follow up.

ADJOURN

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