

**VILLAGE OF GRAFTON**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

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

Committee members present: Jim Grant, David Liss and Sue Meinecke

Staff/Officials present: Captain Emmett Grissom, Village Attorney Michael Herbrand, Building Inspector Tom Johnson, and Administrative Assistant Pat Hofstad

**PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD**

None

**2010 CODE CHANGES – CHAPTER 16 – BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION**

Building Inspector Tom Johnson was present to review a proposed minor change to Chapter 16 - Building and Construction of the Grafton Municipal Code. He advised that ground fault current interrupters are now being replaced with arc fault current interrupters in building construction and remodeling. Because inspection of these new interrupters will be more time consuming, some communities have added permit fees relating to these required devices. Mr. Johnson is recommending a permit fee of \$6.00 per device be included in the fee schedule. This addition is the only change to Chapter 16, at this time.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to recommend the Village Board approve the change to Chapter 16, effective March 2, 2010.  
Approved unanimously.

**OLD / NEW BUSINESS**

Construction equipment stored on residential properties

Building Inspector Tom Johnson advised he was made aware of a large amount of construction items scattered in the yard of a residence on Ninth Avenue. Trucks are also being parked in the yard. Mr. Johnson informed the Committee that he is looking into this concern, and will keep the members apprised of his progress.

Parking on lawns

Chair Grant noted he would like to see a sample ordinance that would address vehicles parked on lawns and requested that Attorney Herbrand research some verbiage to incorporate this issue into an ordinance.

**REVIEW REVISED ORDINANCE 9.74.010 / DISCHARGE AND CARRY OF FIREARMS PROHIBITED**

Village Attorney Michael Herbrand informed the Committee that, due to a concern raised at the January meeting, revisions have been made to Section 9.74.010 of the Village Code to remove the restriction relating to carrying of firearms. He also recommended repealing Section 11.44.080 for the same reason. He advised he has discussed these changes with Police Chief Wenten who is comfortable with this revision. Also included in Attorney Herbrand's letter to the Public Safety Committee were exceptions to the constitutionally

protected right to openly carry a firearm. Both Attorney Herbrand and Captain Grissom discussed the fact that an Officer has a right to question a person carrying a firearm, and any incident will be investigated on a case by case basis. Attorney Herbrand stated that many communities are revising code provisions to be in compliance with state law.

Chair Grant asked Attorney Herbrand if any communities have brought this issue to a Public Hearing. Attorney Herbrand responded he was not aware of any; however, he could check with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Trustee Liss asked why both weapons and firearms are used as a definition in the ordinance. Captain Grissom explained this language is used in accordance with state statute.

Chair Grant believed this to be an important issue and requested to hold a Public Hearing to give citizens a chance to give provide input. Both Trustee Liss and Trustee Meinecke voiced their approval for a hearing.

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Liss, to direct staff to set a Public Hearing on March 1, 2010 prior to the Village Board meeting regarding an ordinance repealing section 11.44.080 Firearms, and amending section 9.74.010 Discharge and carrying of firearms prohibited. Approved unanimously.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION**

Captain Grissom informed the Committee that Telecommunicator Mike Eibs would like to donate a new ham radio to the Police Department. Currently, the Department has no working ham radio, which would be used for emergency communications.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Meinecke, to recommend the Village Board accept a donation for a transceiver radio from Mike Eibs. Approved unanimously.

#### **REVIEW OF POLICE OVERTIME COMPARISON / JANUARY**

The overtime report was favorably reviewed.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Trustee Meinecke, seconded by Trustee Liss, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Approved unanimously.