

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 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 Lisa Harbeck

Staff/Officials present: Mike Rambousek, AICP, Director of Planning and Development, Captain Joseph Gabrish, and Administrative Assistant Pat Hofstad

Absent: Chief Wenten

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None.

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.36.060 / ENACTING 2 HOUR PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN PUBLIC PARKING LOTS IN THE 1200 BLOCK BETWEEN 12TH AND 13TH AVENUES

Chair Grant stated that at the May Public Safety meeting, the issue of restricting downtown parking was discussed. At that time, concerned business owners in attendance were requested to provide input to the Community Development Authority (CDA) on alternative parking options for the downtown municipal parking lots. There have been two meetings of the CDA since that time, and no input has been offered, other than representatives of SweetTrio, who are in favor of the restrictions. At the July 14, meeting of the CDA, a recommendation was made for approval of an ordinance that would restrict parking in the lot to 2-hours. The proposed ordinance has also been recommended by Chief Wenten.

Chair Grant asked Captain Gabrish if the proposed ordinance is legal and if it is enforceable. Captain Gabrish responded yes to both questions.

Chair Grant asked if there were any last comments. Mr. Gruetzmacher, representing the Bridge Inn, asked if it was possible to post 2 hour parking for only one half of the parking stalls to see how things go.

Mr. Jim McCabe, representing the Milwaukee Ale House, asked how this ordinance would be enforced. Captain Gabrish explained it would be by someone calling the Police Department with information on a vehicle that has been parked over the limit, or if an officer notes the same.

Chair Grant advised the Village Board will vote on this issue on August 2, 2010, and anyone wishing to be on the agenda should contact Village Hall.

Trustee Harbeck advised she is not in favor of restricted parking in the downtown lots, as she believes this will affect downtown businesses in a negative fashion.

Motion by Chair Grant, seconded by Trustee Liss, to recommend the Police Department enforce the ordinance to restrict parking to a 2 hour maximum in the public parking lots in the 1200 block between 12th Avenue and 13th Avenue from 8:00 a.m. from Monday through Saturday, if adopted by the Village Board. Approved 2-1 (L. Harbeck – nay).

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.36.020 / NO PARKING AT SPECIFIED TIMES

An ordinance was reviewed to restrict parking on the south side of Cheyenne Court due to an anticipated increase in traffic from the new Columbia-St. Mary's medical clinic. All present were in agreement with the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to recommend the Village Board approve an Ordinance to restrict parking on Cheyenne Court from the Grafton School District property to Cheyenne Avenue, from Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Approved unanimously.

REQUEST FOR LAKEFRON MARATHON RUN

Captain Gabrish advised that the Badgerland Striders have requested to begin their annual Lakefront Marathon race at the Grafton High School on Sunday, October 3, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. Captain Gabrish noted the group is very organized, and runners are out of the Village within 15 minutes. No overtime is needed for this event.

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Trustee Liss, to recommend the Village Board approve the request for the Lakefront Marathon race to be held on October 3, 2010. Approved unanimously.

REPORT OF BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS / JANUARY- JUNE, 2010

Captain Gabrish informed the Committee that there will be an increase in the number of citations issued due to a new procedure that has been implemented. Citations will be written for equipment violations, instead of first issuing a written warning. There has also been a change in emergency detentions. Social Services now make the determination if emergency detention is needed, whereas previously this has been the officers' decision.

POLICE OVERTIME COMPARISON / MAY AND JUNE 2010

Captain Gabrish acknowledged that overtime is down over last year, noting no extended illnesses or injuries.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

The status of the new HAWK traffic system was briefly discussed. State bids will be opened in August, with a September start date.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Liss, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Approved unanimously.