

**PORTER METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

OCTOBER 21, 2008

The Porter Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Karen Pisowicz, President; William Donley, Vice-President; Linda Hodges, Commissioner; Police Chief Jamie Spanier, Assistant Todd Allen and Town Council Liaison Jon Granat and Attorney Patrick Lyp.

Donley made a motion to accept the September 16, 2008 minutes. Hodges seconded. Minutes approved 3-0.

During his monthly reports, Spanier noted that the department is still pretty busy. Citations were still high for September. Hodges asked if 911 calls go straight to County and to Porter. Answer is yes. Donley asked about procedure for peddler's license. The solicitor has to have the license with them. If they don't have a license, call the Police. Donley also asked if one person could get a license and then let other agents use it. Spanier will check on this. Another problem is people getting a license in Chesterton and think they are still in Chesterton when they are, in fact, in Porter.

Pisowicz asked if the department has started the seat belt enforcement program and Spanier said it would start next month and he hopes to have a report on it next month.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, Pisowicz stated that the Commission interviewed 10 really good people for part-time operators and she recommends Ashley Andershock for experience and Susan Cook for partial experience, Amanda Markus, Nancy Furcsik and Mary Riefe for non-experience. Donley made a motion that these five people be accepted. Hodges seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Donley made a motion to accept Craig Barnes, a Burns Harbor police officer, as a part time officer. Hodges seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Spanier brought up the situation involving dispatcher Diana Orrell who is on probation for an incident on October 14, 2007 and there has been another incident of violation of rules and asked for the Commissions recommendation. Hodges made a motion to dismiss this person with cause. Donley seconded the motion. Before the vote, Lyp noted that Indiana Code 36834 empowers this commission to take action. The individual in question is currently on suspension. The individual has 5 days from the commissions action tonight to petition this commission for a hearing. If a hearing is requested in writing then the commission will have to have an actual hearing where the individual can present their side. Lyp proposed the commission suspend this person for 5 days without pay. After October 26, if there is no written request for a hearing the termination date would be October 26.

If a written request for a hearing is received the Commission has 30 days to take action. Hodges revised her motion to state that the commission will have the individual suspended without pay for 5 days and the individual will be presented with the legal options under state law regarding this situation. Donley seconded. Hodges, yes; Pisowicz, yes; Donley, yes. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Liaison Granat mentioned WBEZ getting their antenna up and the attorney is working on ordinances.

Meeting adjourned 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Newman, Secretary

Minutes approved this _____ day of November, 2008.

Karen Pisowicz, President

William Donley, Vice President

Linda Hodges, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Rita Newman