

PORTER METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

April 15, 2008

The Porter Police Commission was called to order at 6 p.m. In attendance were Karen Pisowicz, President; William Donley, Vice-President; Linda Hodges, Commissioner; Chief Jamie Spanier; Asst. Chief Tod Allen and Town Council Liaison Jon Granat. Also present were members of the Porter Park Board: Zathoe Sexton and Patty Raffin. Also in attendance were Bill and Stephanie Miller and Town Council Liaison Michelle Bollinger.

Hodges made a motion to accept the March 18, 2008 minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

In his monthly report, Spanier noted they are starting to get busy and with the new radar units in operation are writing more tickets. Donley asked if there was a move to put cameras at traffic lights and Spanier stated some places are removing them since drivers don't want tickets and cause accidents when they suddenly stop.

Officer Kosmisarcik attended street survival school and really like it and wishes she could go every year for the 3-day session. Two other officers went to autism class to learn how to deal with autistic children. Hodges requested a copy of the report.

The software system is finally up and running and the department is really happy about it. Two new dispatchers are in training and the department is still looking for more.

By consensus the Commission agreed to let anyone in the department to grow a beard for Porter's sesquicentennial.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, the topic was the missing park key. The police department gives out the key when someone comes to rent the park building. They make a copy of your driver license. Pisowicz stated she didn't think it was the police department's job to give out the key. Both Hodges and Pisowicz felt the department shouldn't be responsible for the key since they have enough to do and it should be the park's responsibility. Another job the department does is procure the security guards for functions. Allen has assured Hodges that this was okay with him. It was felt by commissioners Pisowicz and Hodges that Allen could provide the park with an approved list and the park personnel could contact the security personnel.

Also discussed was the re-keying the building and lock-box which has now been paid for by the park for \$150.

Donley asked how long the department has been handling the security and was told by Spanier about 9 years. He was also told this is the first time a key has been lost. Police don't feel they should be responsible for the key which is why a lock-box was settled on.

B. Sexton stated that as long as both departments were happy with the process it should be left alone. Donley also thinks it seems to be running smoothly and that everyone should let the matter drop. Bollinger stated that it is convenient for the public (renter) to be able to pick up the key at any time and it was noted that the police are the only town facility that is open 24/7.

The final outcome was that the situation would remain the same and would be revisited if any problems would occur. Hodges would like to have Stephanie show the building to any renters before they take the key.

Liaison Granat asked about the antenna to be placed on the Andershock property on Highway 20 and was told specifications would be ready in a couple weeks and both police and fire would have use of it.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Newman
Rita Newman, secretary

Minutes approved this 17th day of June, 2008

Karen Pisowicz
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William Donley
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Linda Hodges
Linda Hodges, Commissioner

ATTEST: Rita Newman
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