

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

July 17, 2007

The Porter Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. In attendance were William Donley, President; Linda Hodges, Vice-President; Karen Pisowicz, Commissioner; Chief James Spanier; and Town Council Liaison Jennifer Granat.

Linda Hodges made a motion to approve the June 5, 2007 minutes. Karen Pisowicz seconded. Motion carried.

Regarding the Monthly Reports, Hodges asked if it was done on the new computer. Spanier stated not yet as the report comes out as a pie chart, but it is almost there. Donley questioned a death investigation was a natural death. Hodges questioned the commitment report and was told it's when someone wants to harm themselves or others and are held for 72 hours. Spanier noted the department is real busy and there have been a lot of thefts from vehicles either during the night and a lot at Splash Down Dunes. The Chief noted that crime will start to go down a little bit but will increase just before the start of school. 4th of July was pretty quiet with The Village having their assemblage with no problems. Crowds were medium and then 11:30 it started to rain and people left. Regarding an incident at Splash Down Dunes, Hodges asked if the girls' parents were with them. Spanier said they were. Pisowicz questioned why it was a Chesterton Police who arrested the man. He was working for the Porter Police Department at the time.

Under Old Business, Spanier stated the Reserve Policy Update is pretty much what they want with the exception of Section 9 where he wants to be more specific and will talk with the town attorney. Reserve Policy Update will be put on next month's agenda. Pisowicz had a question regarding gun training especially for reserve officers. Spanier explained that once an officer knows how to shoot a gun, unless he has some physical problem, he doesn't need more firing experience. What he could benefit from would be additional training classes.

Under Old Business, Hodges asked Granat why the request to ban parking on Oak Hill Road was tabled at the last Council meeting. The Council didn't want to suspend the rules. Granat will look into the matter and bring it up at the next Council meeting. The property owner was sent a letter from the lawyer regarding parking on Oak Hill Road.

Under New Business, Spanier has talked with Granat and would like to schedule an Executive Session to discuss who is eligible for promotions. It was decided July 31, 2007 to hold the session at 6 p.m. at the Police Department.

There were no comments from the public, nor from Liaison Granat or Commission members.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Newman
Rita Newman, secretary

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 2007

William Donley
William Donley, President

Linda Hodges
Linda Hodges, Commissioner

Karen Pisowicz
Karen Pisowicz, Commissioner

Attest: *Rita Newman*
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