

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

February 20, 2007

The Porter Police Commission was called to order at 6 p.m. In attendance were Linda Hodges, Vice-President; Karen Pisowicz, Commissioner and Chief James Spanier.

Pisowicz made a motion to accept the January 16, 2007 minutes. Hodges seconded. Carried 2-0.

In his monthly report, Spanier noted incidents are down. He stated that the two new officers in the month of January alone had 33 arrests. Spanier explained to Hodges the numbers don't equal since you can get a ticket for two or more different violations. Also, it was explained that possession of a controlled substance can mean possession of a medicine without a prescription. Off-duty mileage is up just a little bit.

Under Old Business, the petitions for Waverly & US 20 are ready to be mailed.

Under New Business, the Taxicab ordinance was discussed. It was agreed that under Section 4, License fee shall be \$100.00. It was agreed that Section 9 be deleted as well as Section 12. The driver shall have a valid driver's license. Hodges asked if this ordinance covers limosines. Spanier will check to see if State Police have any statutes regarding safety of vehicles. Pisowicz had a question regarding insurance in Section 11. Is there any way to be sure the vehicles are insured. The attorney will be asked to check this out. The attorney will review the recommendations of the Commission.

Pisowicz asked if the department enforces car seats for children and was told that if the officers spot a violation they can stop the car and issue a ticket. The person can then go to court and have the violation dismissed. If, however, they are stopped again they will pay for the first violation, and double for the second violation.

There were no public comments or further comments from Commission members.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Newman
Rita Newman, Secretary

Linda Hodges
Linda Hodges

Karen Pisowicz
Karen Pisowicz

Attest: Rita Newman
Rita Newman

Minutes approved this 20th day of March, 2007