

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

August 29, 2006

The Porter Police Commission was called to order at 6:03 p.m. In attendance were Linda Hodges, President; William Donley, Vice-President; Karen Pisowicz, Commissioner, Police Chief James Spanier and Town Council President Paul Childress sitting in for Liaison Jennifer Granat.

Donley made a motion to approve the July 18, 2006 minutes. Pisowicz seconded. Carried 3-0.

Chief Spanier presented his monthly report and noted that July was a very busy month. Donley asked about death investigation and was told they are usually natural causes but need to be investigated on the off chance a crime has been committed. Hodges asked if the department makes any money on enforcing local ordinances. Money does go into the General Fund and is used by the department. Hodges asked about computers and was told the company has been cooperating and in-house operations are up and running. Donley asked how long the computer will be expected to last. It should last for some time. Hodges asked if everyone knows how to use the system and Spanier stated the department will have a training session on September 5.

It was noted that the mileage, both on-duty and off-duty, was up.

There was no Old Business.

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Under New Business: Monday, September 18, 2006 was set up for five 30-minute interviews. Pisowicz will attend for the Commission.

The department is looking to hire some part time officers. Lately, it has had to pay overtime for regular officers which costs more. It was suggested that any candidates not be named but numbered with qualifications. This will be put on next month's agenda, September 19.

Regarding the traffic situation at Waverly and US 20, Spanier noted that in the last two years, 30 incidents have happened with 18 of those involving personal injury. Donley noted that he will be meeting with INDOT and will talk with them about this situation and see if anything can be done.

From the audience, Jennifer Klug asked if the concern is mostly with turn lanes or running red lights. She suggested cameras could be installed at the intersection.

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Hodges asked Chief Spanier if these accidents are local or out of town people. It's about 50/50 with the causers of the accidents being out-of-towners.

There were no further comments.

Meeting adjourned 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Newman

Rita Newman, Secretary

Minutes approved this 19TH day of SEPT, 2006

Linda Hodges
Linda Hodges, President

William Donley
William Donley, Vice President

Karen Pisowicz
Karen Pisowicz, Commissioner

Attest Rita Newman