

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

May 16, 2006

The Porter Police Commission meeting was called ~~to~~ order at 6:01 p.m. In attendance were Linda Hodges, President; William Donley, Vice-President and Commissioner Karen Pisowicz. Also in attendance were Chief James Spanier and Town Council Liaison Jennifer Granat.

Karen Pisowicz made a motion to accept the April 18, 2006 minutes. William Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At this time, Liaison Granat announced that the Town Council had voted to reduce the police commission from 5 members to 3. One reason the Council increased the size of the commission was to possibly have a Safety Board that could monitor the Fire Department and Police Department. Granat noted that the department has been asked to further trim back their budget \$10,000.00 more. Some previous suggestions were voluntary resignations, turning commissioner salaries back. If commissioners would like to donate their salaries, this would be acceptable Granat noted. Granat stated this is not a political move but a financial move.

Under Monthly reports, Chief Spanier stated that 80%-90% of thefts are to support drug habits. Hodges asked if someone could give a drug talk to 4th graders at Yost. Spanier will look into this. Donley asked about gasoline prices affecting the department. Spanier stated the department pays no taxes on gasoline. Pisowicz questioned who decides who gets a ticket. It's up to the officer said Spanier.

Under Old Business, Granat noted that the Sign Ordinance was adopted by the Council on May 9, 2006. The Police can now enforce the ordinance.

Regarding the traffic situation at US 20 and Waverly Road, Brian Dahlin in the audience said he was in the process of setting up a meeting in Indianapolis. Hodges asked Dahlin to meet with her to keep abreast of this.

Arthur Heredia wanted the National Incidence Management System be brought up at the Town Council. Granat will do this and will also bring up the Adopt a Cop idea.

Donley noted there was nothing to report on the Tri-Town Disaster Plan.

Under New business Spanier stated the Towing Policy was approved 3-0.

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Under Public Comments, former Commissioner Dahlin thanked the Police Commission for their cooperation while on the Commission. He wished the 3 members well. Hodges thanked Dahlin for doing a "fantastic job" while Commissioner. Donley also thanked Dahlin and Heredia.

Regarding the Beach Parking Ordinance, Granat ^{SAID} ~~said~~ it does take effect January 1, 2007 and includes putting the sticker on the rear window.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Newman

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with correction
Minutes approved this 20th day of June, 2006

Linda Hodges
Linda Hodges, President

William Donley
William Donley, Vice-President

Karen Pisowicz
Karen Pisowicz, Commissioner

Attest Rita Newman
Rita Newman, Secretary

(There is no tape of this meeting)