

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES

July 19, 2005

The Porter Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. In attendance were William Donley, President; Linda Hodges, Vice-President; Commissioners Brian Dahlin, Art Heredia and Karen Pisowicz. Also in attendance were Chief James Spanier and Town Council Liaison ~~Jennifer Granat~~. *PRESIDENT WILLIAM SEXTON*

Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the June 21, 2005 minutes. Brian Dahlin seconded. Motion approved 3-0 with Heredia and Pisowicz abstaining.

Chief James Spanier submitted the monthly reports and noted that incidents are increasing. Mileage was given as 11,396 for official use and 1,031 for personal travel for a total of 12,427 miles.

Under Old Business, Chief Spanier received a letter from the Indiana Department of Transportation regarding the accident situation at Waverly and Highway #20. In the letter they denied left turn arrows and left turn lanes. It was agreed that a follow-up would be made in six (6) months to address this issue.

Under New Business, the Noise Ordinance was addressed and a workshop with Town Council members will be held Monday, July 25, 2005 at 6 p.m.

The Porter Beach Parking Ordinance will also be discussed at this workshop.

Chief Spanier also noted that the new software is almost in place with August 1st as a target date to start the program.

A discussion regarding a Tri-Town Disaster Plan was discussed with William Donley noting that all 3 towns (Porter, Chesterton, Burns Harbor) are geographically close, all three work mutually with Fire/Police Departments all share highways/railroad and all towns have a concern regarding major spills, major accidents. Linda Hodges commented that Duneland Bus Company is having discussions regarding evacuation procedures. Art Heredia noted that continuity of government is imperative and 4 drills per year should be held. Grant money could possibly be secured. Brian Dahlin also noted it is important to protect the area and we should proceed as soon as possible.

Under Public Comments; Bill Sexton stated he had heard a lot of favorable comments regarding policing of beach parking.

Chief Spanier commented on a thank you from Ken and Delores Slater after the power outage and getting Ken's oxygen going. Also, The Chevrolet squad car is up and running and Ford is in and ready to be striped. The hiring process is going good and Art Heredia and Brian Dahlin will sit in on the interview process.

Linda Hodges commended Mike Veal on a job well done.

Brian Dahlin made a motion to institute an application fee of \$25 for new police officers. Linda Hodges seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Karen Pisowicz led a discussion regarding fires and what are the state regulations regarding legal fires.

Dahlin noted that one newspaper is not printing correct meeting times. Letters will be sent. He also noted that perhaps signs at the beach be in more than one language for non-English speaking persons. From the audience, Jennifer Klug felt this is a good idea since one person ~~downed~~ because he didn't speak much English.

Meeting adjourned 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Newman, secretary

Minutes approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Aug., 2005

William Donley  
William Donley, President

Linda Hodges, Vice-President

Brian Dahlin, Commissioner

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Arthur Heredia

Art Heredia, Commissioner

Karen Pisowicz

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Attest: Rita Newman  
Rita Newman, secretary

(There is no tape of this meeting)