

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

June 21, 2005

The Porter Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. In attendance were William Donley, President; Linda Hodges, Vice-President; Commissioner Brian Dahlin, Police Chief James Spanier and Town Council Liaison Jennifer Granat. ~~Art Heredia~~ and ~~Kevin B. B...~~ were absent.

Before accepting the May 17, 2005 minutes, Linda Hodges noted that on the second page regarding promotions that it should read Art Heredia and Brian Dahlin felt that any promotions should be considered in Executive Session. Also on the last page, it should read Heredia.....was directed to Chief Craig. Under Old Business, Brian Dahlin asked that the language in the letter regarding a traffic study at Waverly and Hwy 20 include statistics for 2003, 2004 and 2005 to date be included in the body of the letter. It was a consensus of the commission to do this. Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Brian Dahlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief James Spanier submitted the monthly report and noted that activity is increasing. The beach is being patrolled more frequently with at least 46 tickets given. Linda Hodges asked if the town is being shorted in other areas while the patrol is at the beach. Spanier stated it does take a longer time to get from the beach to another call. But the beach needs to be controlled.

Under Old Business: The Animal Control Ordinance was discussed and Dahlin suggested that it be more specific regarding proper animal care facility. Wording could be changed to say Porter County Animal Control or licensed facility. Also questioned was the section dealing with disposal of dead animals on private property. The town should be called and they can direct the situation to the proper authorities. Linda Hodges would like to recommend we forward this ordinance to the Town Council with the Commissions approval. Brian Dahlin seconded. Recommendation carried 3-0.

Under New Business with regards to fees charged to applicants to the police department, Brian Dahlin contacted the Police Chief of the Griffith Police Department who charge \$20 for applicants. It was agreed that Chief Spanier would take this information and report back at the next meeting. Dahlin is awaiting a similiar ordinance from Schererville and will forward it to everyone.

Chief Spanier noted that Cpl. McMahon attended a Sexual Assault seminar for 2 days and felt it was very informative. Spanier felt other officers should attend if it is available again. McMahon brought back brochures from the seminar.

There was discussion regarding the traffic study to be made at Waverly Road and Hwy. #20. A report has not been received but a car has been observed there. It was agreed that the curve leading to the light going east is a major problem.

Brian Dahlin offered to buy a lock for the Porter Beach gate and supply a key to anyone who needs one. Spanier will check into this and see what needs to be done. Bill Donley mention that the company he works for has a universal lock and everyone that needs to carries a key.

Liaison Jennifer Granat asked that the public be ^{RE}minded through the newspaper media that 911 is for emergencies only and non-emergencies be directed to the police station. 911 calls have been made regarding guinea hens and officers MUST respond to all 911 calls.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Newman
Rita Newman, secretary

Minutes approved this 19 day of July, 2005

William Donley
William Donley, President

Linda Hodges
Linda Hodges, Vice-President

Brian Dahlin
Brian Dahlin, Commissioner

Attest: Rita Newman
Rita Newman, secretary