

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

February 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Linda Hodges, Vice-President; Commissioners Brian Dahlin and Karen Pisowicz, Police Chief James Spanier and Town Council Liaison Jennifer Granat. William Donley and Art Heredia were absent.

Brian Dahlin made a motion to accept the January 12, 2005 minutes with a correction that the 9th paragraph read that he wanted the Police Station to be used for a drop off since it is open 24/7 as opposed to the Town Hall. Karen Pisowicz seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Karen Pisowicz made a motion to accept the February 1, 2005 Executive Session minutes. Brian Dahlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief James Spanier submitted the monthly reports for January. Also included with the monthly report were collision report for January, inventory of vehicles and weapon inventory. It was agreed that no motion needs to be made to accept the monthly reports.

Under Old Business, there has not been any resolve regarding the Curfew Ordinance. Brian Dahlin questioned if we have that much trouble with curfew violations to warrant an ordinance. Chief Spanier stated during the winter no; but in the summer, yes.

Regarding the new software for the department, Chief Spanier reported Sgt. John Lane is working on input to send to the software company and as soon as this is finished it will be ready to go. The company will send people out to train officers.

Under New Business, Chief Spanier reported that 99% of the General Orders are finished. There are some minor problems that need to be addressed. Chief Spanier suggested a committee be formed headed by Lt. Ed Surgener with Art Heredia and anyone else wanting to sit on this committee with a lawyer present to review General Orders. Brian Dahlin agreed to sit on this committee. Chief Spanier thanked Art Heredia for all the time he spent reviewing the General Orders. Chief Spanier will let Heredia and Dahlin know when a meeting will be held.

With regard to start the process for hiring, Chief Spanier stated he would advertise in at least two papers and will get packets ready. Karen Pisowicz made a motion to start the process to initiate the hiring process. Brian Dahlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Spanier asked the Commissioners request an increase in salary rate for hourly detective. Discussion was also held regarding take home patrol cars. Brian Dahlin made a motion to recommend to the Town Council that an hourly detective rate be added to the budget. Karen Pisowicz seconded. Motion carried 3-0. This will be sent in writing to the Town Council.

Discussion was held regarding the employment application submitted by Chief Spanier. Brian Dahlin made a motion to accept the employment application. Karen Pisowicz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Under Comments: Liaison Jennifer Granat praised the Police Commission on doing a splendid job with give and take discussions. Also, she requested the Commissioners consider changing the date and time of meetings. This will be placed on next month's agenda.

Under Commission member comments: Brian Dahlin noted he had contacted people regarding HB1108 which would disband many commissions. He was told that the Porter Police Commission would not be affected. He also talked with Scherville people and they will send documentation to be discussed with commissioners. He also said he would perhaps like to see more detail on reports and that he looks forward to working with Chief Spanier.

Meeting adjourned 6:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Newman

Rita Newman, secretary

Minutes of this meeting approved this 9 day of Mar, 2005

Linda Hodges

Linda Hodges, Vice-President

B. Dahlin

Brian Dahlin, Commissioner

Karen Pisowicz

Karen Pisowicz, Commissioner

Arthur Heredia

Attest *Rita Newman*
Rita Newman

Note: There is no tape of this meeting.