

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

July 14, 2004

The Porter Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Chad Brooks, President; Linda Hodges, Commissioner; Chief John Lane and Sandy Boothe, liason for Porter Town Council. William Donley was absent.

Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2004 Special Meeting. Chad Brooks seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 30, 2004 Special Meeting. Chad Brooks seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Chief Lane presented his June, 2004 monthly report. Cases were more for June (48) as opposed to May (36). This is to be expected once warmer weather arrives. Accidents were lower for June (13) as opposed to May (18). Linda Hodges made a motion to accept Chief Lane's monthly report. Chad Brooks seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Continuing his report, Chief Lane stated the children's parade was a particularly satisfying affair. The children were happy and about 30 participated. The newly formed Explorer Post helped in various ways with this event. Two Explorer Post members from Chesterton also helped. Regarding the Midnight Parade, Chief Lane commented "if you could find 100 pieces of trash in the two block downtown area you would be lucky". 16 officers were present for the Midnight Parade including 3 reserve officers, 3 reserve officers from Porter County, 1 State Policeman and 2 Excise Officers. No injuries were reported this year. The ordinance the Town Council enacted regarding open container drinking helped a lot. Chief Lane proclaimed the parade a success, even with all the rain. It is hoped by all that the parade will continue in this vein.

Chief Lane continued his report and stated that the parking ordinance is still being worked on and that the alarm ordinance will be on next month's agenda. Chief Lane has been checking various communities on noise ordinances. Portage has an ordinance based on distance not decibels. Chief Lane will present sample ordinances next month.

Reporting on the reserve program: 3 reserves have been sworn in.

Awarded equipment from Indianapolis, Chief Lane and Assistant Chief Menn travelled yesterday to pick up a car, generator and a boat. All of these were to be free. Upon arriving, the car was gone but would have cost \$3500. The generator was available for \$2500. Chief Lane did not even look at the boat. This giveaway program has changed from \$0 to the aforementioned prices.

Chief Lane showed the new shirts for the Explorer Post. These shirts were not ready in time for the Community Picnic, so cheaper t-shirts were purchased. These will be used as work shirts, with the better shirts being used for more official events. Chief Lane invited everyone to attend the Explorer meeting tonight. The program will be a work detail evening. Linda Hodges would like a list of Explorers. Chad Brooks reported the Explorers assisted at the Frog event and assisted on the 3 mile trails. Two children were left on the trail, not lost, but parents were concerned. One came back before Explorers but the other was escorted back with no problem.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

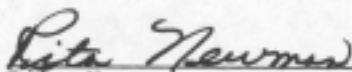
None

Audience Participation:

Karen Pisowicz thanked Chief Lane for the fine job he did on the Midnight Parade.

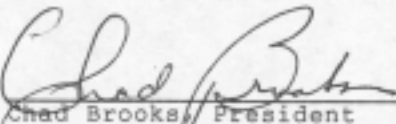
Meeting adjourned 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

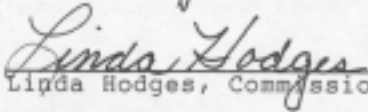


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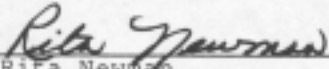
Minutes approved this 11 day of August, 2004



Chad Brooks, President



Linda Hodges, Commissioner

Attest: 

Rita Newman