

March 10, 2004

The Porter Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:40p.m. Present were Chad Brooks, President; William Donley, Vice-President; Linda Hodges, Commissioner; and Chief John Lane.

Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the February 11, 2004 minutes with a clarification of a sentence on the second from the bottom paragraph on page 1 regarding another recovery program to recoup costs for false alarms with a stronger town ordinance. William Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Lane submitted the February monthly reports. Linda Hodges made a motion to accept all three reports, William Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

In his report, Chief Lane stated that Debbie Saviola, records clerk, has submitted her resignation. Chief Lane proposed to not fill this position. His proposal would be to divide her duties amongst the other dispatchers with appropriate compensation. His proposal would eliminate this position altogether. His proposal would also like to take 16 hours of the records clerk's time for a part-time person for record keeping. New software will permit officers to fill out their reports from their vehicles eliminating the need for the clerk to do them. Linda Hodges made a motion that this proposal be sent to the Town Council for consideration. William Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

After discussion of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 8 article 2 of the Town Code, a motion was made by Linda Hodges to recommend the Town Council consolidate section A & B to cover watercraft in section A and no commercial vehicles can be parked next to homes. Seconded by Mr. Donley, motion carried 3-0.

Chief Lane also presented a modified ordinance regarding the charging of fees for making tapes. Currently the department charged \$50 per tape when they could be charging \$250 per tape. The Commissioners were given copies to review and the matter will be put on next month's agenda. A third ordinance submitted for review is false alarms from businesses. One business had 28 false alarms in one quarter with the police department having no way to effectively address this problem. This review of the false alarm ordinance will be put on next month's agenda also.

Regarding the Explorer Post program, Chief Lane will be meeting tomorrow with a representative of the Boy Scout Council to get the paperwork done.

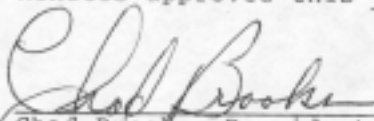
Chief Lane discussed pros and cons of vehicle numbering. Mr. Brooks noted that once the GPS system is in place by the end of this year it will show where cars are. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Donley voiced an opinion to leave numbers off the cars; Mrs. Hodges feels numbers should be on the cars.

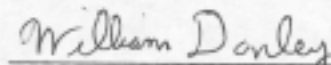
General Order #11 will be placed on next month's agenda.

Under new business, Dr. Terry Henley founder of Cost Recovery Program made his presentation. Mr. Donley recommended that the commissioners continue to look at this program and made a motion to do so. Linda Hodges seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (This presentation can be heard on the tapes for March 10, 2004 meeting.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes approved this 14 day of April, 2004.

  
Chad Brooks, President

  
William Donley, Vice-President

  
Linda Hodges, Commissioner