

PORTER METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION  
Minutes

April 19, 2011

The Porter Police Commission was called to order at 6 p.m. In attendance were Joe Wagner, President; Sandi Snyder, Vice-president; John McCrum, Commissioner and Police Chief Jamie Spanier. Town Liaison Jon Granat was absent.

McCrum made a motion to accept the March 15, 2011 minutes and the Executive minutes of the same date. Snyder seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

During Monthly reports, Wagner asked Spanier if the department would be okay with the rising gas prices. Spanier felt it would be okay and it was noted that personal mileage is down about 1%.

During Reserve Academy update under Old Business, Spanier noted that Tom Blythe will graduate from the academy on April 29 at 1 p.m. This ceremony will be held at Police, Courts & Community Center at 705 E 4th St., Hobart. The contract for Blythe has been deemed correct by the attorney and Spanier would like to present Blythe with a signed contract by the commissioners on May 1, 2011. Snyder made a motion to accept Blythe as a probationary part-time officer. McCrum seconded. After discussion of the wording of the contract, McCrum made a motion to present the revised contract to Blythe. Snyder seconded. Both motions passed 3-0.

Under New Business, Spanier stated the child restraint program would be presented at Yost School probably in the beginning of May. An officer would check incoming vehicles to see if the child restraints are being properly used.

Under Public Comments, Jennifer Klug asked if the department could hire Blythe full time. Spanier said yes but there are others ahead of him that might want to be hired full time.

Snyder mentioned that the Youth Group from Fairhaven Church had a successful meeting with Chesterton Police and some Porter officers. Spanier agreed it was very successful for all concerned.

Wagner presented a program of getting free vehicles for the department. Also available are various other items such as fannie packs & goggles.

Snyder asked if anything further had been done on the violations ordinance that Granat is working on. Spanier said it is a very complicated ordinance and nothing further has been done.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Rita Newman, secretary