

Village Of Brooklyn

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Safety Committee Minutes

Thursday July 9, 2009

7:15 PM

Village Hall

The meeting was called to order by Village President Walsten at 7:24 pm with Todd Klahn, Chief Barger and Nadine Walsten attending. The 4/2/09 minutes were postponed (Klahn/Walsten) due to lack of quorum of members in attendance from that meeting. The appointment of a Chair was postponed (Klahn/Walsten) until next month when Helen McCord, member, could be present. The plan to continue to meet the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Community Building was discussed and approved.

The discussion of how the Safety Committee and Chief Barger would interrelate was discussed because the role of a Chief is unfamiliar to the Committee. The conclusion was that the Committee collaborates with the Chief in creating departmental policy, provides oversight for the Board, and advises the Police Chief and Department as appropriate regarding community law enforcement and safety issues. Chief Barger reviewed his administrative activities thus far which has included organizing the police department, orienting himself and assessing the current status of policies, procedures, developing list of needed materials/equipment, creating communication and organizational tools for the part time officers, meeting his staff, etc. "My learning curve is straight up."

The mission and goals for the Police Department was discussed next and because Chief Barger is new, he can only speak generally but feels the mission of the Police Department is: To provide safety and public order to the Village citizens through community-focused law enforcement and safety services. The primary goal is: #1) To continue the transition from the previous Department model to an administration model with a professional Chief as Department Head. #2) Assess and develop current programs and policies that meet current standards of professional policing and are responsive to community needs. The Safety Committee's mission is as follows: The objective of the Safety Committee is to provide assistance with policy development, citizen input and oversight of the Village Police Department on behalf of the Village Board through a collaborative relationship with the Police Chief and his staff. Our primary goals are: #1) to work together with the Chief on policy development and revision recommendations to the Village Board; #2) to provide for citizen input and to facilitate communication about the changes in policing policies; #3) to support and encourage a smooth transition by the community to a new model of police administration and community policing.

The need for clerical services was discussed and the Police Secretary job description from Oregon was distributed, however, Chief Barger stated that most of the job functions listed he feels are necessary are being provided by Shirley. The job description needs to be revised to reflect this and the number of hours required needs to be decided.

The location of the 35 MPH sign on North Rutland, partially obstructed by the new Village entrance sign, was referred to Public Works Director Bob Anderson as PW is responsible for compliance with signage statutes/ordinances.

The plan to review Chapter 35 ordinance on bicycles, etc., was postponed (Klahn/Walsten).

The current budget status was reviewed. Chief Barger is waiting for his uniform and shield, etc to arrive.

1. Continued discussion of Police Department clerical needs and clerical job description
2. Update on location of 35 MPH sign on North Rutland (from Public Works Director)
3. Update on review of Chapter 35 revisions, state statute's coverage
4. Begin review of Ordinance Chapter 21 and Chapter 22 (Sec. 22.01—04; 22.08—21)
5. Review current budget status
6. Review current activity
7. Adjourn

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