

Village Of Brooklyn

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Safety Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 3, 2009

7:00 PM

Village Hall

The meeting was called to order by Village President Walsten at 7:20 pm with Todd Klahn, Helen McCord, Chief Barger and Nadine Walsten attending. The 8/6/09 minutes were approved (Klahn/McCord) with the correction the title be changed from Agenda to Minutes.

The next items on the agenda address meeting the needs of law enforcement in the Village with part time officers—a) coverage schedule and b) Village needs for professional policing coverage. Chief Barger reports that he is having issues with our current part-time police officers availability (6 shifts remain uncovered for September) and with follow up on cases initiated by part time offices due to length of rotations between shifts. Because he is providing expanded coverage (30 hours/week) for both administrative and patrol responsibilities, he also creates more follow up which cannot be easily referred to an officer who hasn't worked recently. Officer Engelhart has picked up many of the uncovered shifts, however, he will reach his 600 hour cut off for requiring retirement benefits. We discussed options such as requiring part time officers to work a minimum number of shifts, including weekends, and drafting a contract to that effect vs. having a permanent part time officer plus a few additional officers for vacation and sick leave coverage. Each officer requires approximately \$520 in uniform costs which is usually not recouped when the officer leaves the department because of size requirements. Chief Barger presented his 2010 Budget Proposal where he addresses his recommendation for a permanent part time officer be hired at 24 hr/week. The difference between the personnel budget for 2009 (\$85,539) vs. hiring permanent part time officer and paying retirement, etc. will need further cost analysis. Chief Barger will meet with Carol Strause and bring cost comparisons to the next meeting.

Chief Barger gave an update on the effect of the Community Building Policy revisions. He reported that there have been no incidents and a Security Officer was present for a recent event where alcohol was served.

The additional Police Department's budget requests for 2010 were discussed. Chief Barger discussed his increases in line items for department expenses and identified the following revised list of equipment he would like to see the department have: Electronic Control Device (Taser) as Brooklyn Police Officers work alone; second PC as the Department only has one available and with increased clerical hours, when both Shirley or Chief Barger are present, one cannot access; Lightbar for Squad (current lightbar drains battery which prevents starting squad without a jump and/or electronic equipment is inoperable); Emergency Medical Equipment (AED) for Squad; and adding \$5,000 to replacement fund for new Squad. Current vehicle has 50,000 miles on it, however, the number of miles/year for 2009 has decreased over previous years precluding need to replace before 2011. Trend is to replace Crown Victorias with SUVs so this needs to be considered in replacement funding. The Committee discussed possible sources

of funding for the equipment and Chief Barger will discuss this with Carol Strause because it is possible there is still money in the budget for these needs. (See attached budget proposal). He continues to work on upgrading the carpeting and painting in the department if there is money available in this year's budget to accomplish this overdue refurbishing.

The police clerical position was discussed briefly as the position description requested from Oregon Police Department for a Police Secretary I position has not arrived. The Police Secretary II position was approved as revised and is referred to Personnel Committee to finalize the wage and job description. Shirley Hardy needs to review and give input into the description as well before it can be finalized.

The location of the 35 mph sign on North Rutland remains unresolved. Bob Anderson, Public Works Director, is waiting for a call from Pam Dumphy, Dane Co Highway Dept Director.

The review of Ordinance Chapter 21 and Chapter 22 (Sec. 22.01—04; 22.08—21) and the review of the current budget was postponed (Klahn/McCord).

Current budget status was reviewed.

The current Department activity was briefly reviewed. See attached report which will be presented at Village Board.

Klahn/McCord moved to adjourn and meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Nadine Walsten, recorder