

Village Of Brooklyn

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Safety Committee Minutes July 2, 2015

Members Present: Kyle Smith, Zach Leavy and Susan McCallum. Also present Chief Harry Barger, Pat Hawkey, Sharon Kovach and Todd and Darlene Galloway.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Under public comments Todd Galloway addresses the committee regarding the following issues: He questioned why the siren did not sound Monday June 22 when the severe storms were passing through and on Tuesday June 30 when the Mobile Station closed due to a tornado alert. The second issue was during every ball game at the Legion Park there are speeders on the block prior to entering the park. He stated that two weeks ago he had called the non-emergency police number regarding car surfing, there was an officer at the North edge of town but no one responded. Chief Barger questioned whether it was our officer on duty, T. Galloway said yes; when he left the message the voicemail message was Bill Roberts. S. McCallum said when she has called she has gotten Barger's voice. Chief Barger has been trying to resolve the old phone system issues and will follow-up as perhaps the system did not transfer the call. T. Galloway went on to state that he has witnessed people blowing through the stop sign at Bowman and S. 1st Streets. In addition he said there has been damage and vandalism in the Legion Park occurring late at night. He would like to see a gate at the entrance of the park, closing it at night; a speed bump returned that used to be at the entrance and a 15 Mph sign on Bowman in the first block of S. First Street. K. Smith stated that the siren is controlled by Dane County and when it is activated goes off county-wide. Chief Barger will contact Dane County Emergency management regarding the two mentioned siren concerns and will prepare something for the newsletter regarding when the siren would sound.

K. Smith moved to approve the June 11, 2015 minutes pending the date change from May to June, 2nd by Z. Leavy. Motion carried.

Chief Barger passed out an Operator's License for Sarah A. Michaelis which he stated has passed his check. Z. Leavy moved to recommend approval to the Village Board, 2nd K. Smith. Motion carried.

S. McCallum passed out the draft of a letter to accompany the Event Policy and Application to be sent to all groups that typically sponsor events in the village. She stated that the Clerk will be sending the letter and materials out next week. K. Smith suggested eliminating the last sentence of the first paragraph as two different approval dates it may seem confusing, all agreed to remove. In addition S. McCallum had distributed a copy of the application and the first 4 pages of the policy to Dorothy Frandy so that the Recreation Committee could provide the Village Departments with information regarding the 4th of July event. She did not contact her personally but left it at her home with a note to submit to the Clerk's office by the end of next week. Chief Barger stated he received a map of the set-up in Legion Park the week before the event.

K. Smith reported that the Public Works committee had discussed at their May meeting issues with speeders in the legion Park and wanted to refer the issue to Safety for input. He stated that the PW Director gathered information on speed bumps regarding permanent or temporary types. He said there were issues with both in regards to plowing and anchor holes in the pavement. K. Smith stated that there is money in the PW budget for speed signs. Chief Barger stated that when he was in Verona that every time they installed a speed bump it was removed for various reasons, he did not feel this should be an option. He and K. Smith both felt a gate would create an issue regarding emergency vehicle access. S. McCallum asked if other streets in the Village have slower speeds such as Division by the school. Chief Barger stated no. Discussion continued regarding possible options to slow the speed on the street to the park entrance and in the park. The committee decides on the following actions; erect a Slow Park Entrance sign for the block prior to the park, 15 mph sign on S. 1st street south of Bowman street, 2- 15 mph signs in the park on the fence side of park road up to the corner by large tree, more monitoring and

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referring to Ordinance committee regarding restricting speed on First St.

Chief Barger reported that three weeks into the installation of the new TraCS software they are finding many issues. The Madison team has made sure the old system is available for back-up while this first install goes forward.

Chief Barger reported that he had contacted both Green and Rock Counties and other local Dane County police offices in regards to their policies for special event staff levels. He said that most of the Dane County municipalities are telling organizations to have their own security. He recounted the events, private security and issues from the last Labor Day event which is the only one he is concerned about currently for our police staffing. In Dane County they call the Sherriff's Department for staffing and the officers are hired through the county and hourly payment is determined based on officer's normal compensation. In Green Count it is still handled where the request is made and officers sign up as temporary employee of the municipality are paid cash and the County will not increase staff to assist with an event. It was decided to have Chief Barger run a cost analysis for the staffing level he feels is appropriate for the Labor Day Event and forward this information to the board to be considered as a charge to sponsors or during yearly budget development. Chief Barger would rather not have this come out of his budget.

The ordinance committee referred the use of "Skid Steers" to clear snow in the village to safety for further input. They had reviewed ordinance chapter 23.05 regarding damage to public and private property and felt this could be a possible citation. Chief Barger said the ordinance refers to "intentional" damage, which is difficult to prove. S. McCallum wondered if an addition to that ordinance would address the current damage. Chief Barger suggested the committee review what other communities have done regarding sidewalk snow removal and damages. The committee will bring the issue back to next month.

No update on the court fine process, Chief Barger will follow-up with the judge. S. McCallum handed out information regarding State fine increases.

S. McCallum handed out information she found regarding snow removal ordinances from other communities as a follow-up to the last meeting.

Chief Barger distributed information on "MS:Toyota Best Dam Bike Tour" on August 1 & 2. Z. Leavy moved to recommend approval to the Village Board, 2nd by K. Smith. Motion carried.

Chief Barger informed the committee as to the reasons for the overrun in the Uniform/Equipment and General Expenses line item posed by K. Smith at the last meeting. This was caused by the Grant money originally removed to pay for the server and installation then deposited in the General Fund Revenues. This is due to these monies coming from the 2014 budget that were not posted in that year and would affect the 2016 levy limits. The budget was reviewed without further questions.

The final work schedule for June and the work schedule for July were reviewed. Chief Barger stated that the new officer will be taking his own shift(s) this month as his schedule permits. Due to summertime vacations etc., there were no shifts for two of the part-time officers in June or scheduled for July.

Chief Barger gave a short report including; feral cat issue is still under investigation, the complaint against the officer is in process, received the map for the fourth this past week, and there are 4 applicants for the secretary position.

K. Smith moved to adjourn at 7:10pm, 2nd by Z. Leavy. Motion carried.