

APRIL 20, 2009
PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes Prepared by: Steve Olson

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Protection Committee the official minutes will be on file at the police department.

APPROVED: _____

The Protection Committee was called to order by President Petersen at 5:00 PM.

Present: President Petersen, Allen, Teale, and Dymek. Also present were Chief Kemmett, Chief Olson and Chief Nitsch.

Absent: Eshoo and Spadoni

Motion Allen/2nd Teale to approve the minutes of February 2009. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Visitors Heard: None

General Business for Consideration:

Set May Protection Committee Meeting Date: May meeting set for May 18, 2009 at 5:00 PM

Ad-Hoc Committee Update: President Petersen advised that there would be a meeting on May 29, 2009 at Village Hall.

Gem car parking: Discussion followed. It was decided to locate the vehicle at the safety building.

Request from Town of Walworth for Fire Protection: Chief Nitsch introduced the Town of Walworth Board members present. They were: Chairman, Joe Abell, Trustees Larry Austin and Bill Pearce. Austin explained that the Town Board was contacting surrounding fire services regarding the cost of contracting for fire protection for specific areas of the Township. The Town Board wanted to find out if splitting up the fire protection was economically feasible and more practical due to the response distances from the current Walworth fire station. ***MOTION: Teale/2nd Allen for the Village Board to allow the Fire and EMS Chiefs to continue researching the concept. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Tower Truck: Chief Nitsch reported that repair to the tower truck was \$1290.00.

Chief Nitsch submitted his monthly report and said there were several controlled burns completed and other planned for the near future.

Handicapped parking on Lake Street: David Jensen brought to the attention of the committee that there was no designated handicapped parking on Lake Street and the nearest spots were in Lot #1, making it difficult to access Lake Street businesses. He requested that one or two spots be designated on Lake Street. Period of discussion followed. Street is to be re-done in the future however no date has been set. President Petersen will take the matter to the Public Works Committee.

EMS Report: Chief Kemmett

Kemmett submitted his monthly report and stated there are sixteen EMTs on staff at this time.

Police Department Report:

CSO: Chief Olson introduced Tony Aranda as his recommendation for the 2009 CSO position and gave a brief background on Aranda. ***MOTION Teale/2nd Allen to recommend Aranda to the Village Board. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Lt. Secondary Employment: Chief Olson reported that Lt. Buchholz requested he be allowed to work for a private security company called Housner & Assoc., who will be doing security at the Abbey Harbor, this summer. Discussion followed. *** MOTION: Allen/2nd Teale to recommend to the Board that Lt. Buchholz be allowed the secondary employment. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truancy Ordinance Update: Chief Olson reported the Village Board had approved a Truancy Ordinance at the last Board Meeting, upon the review of the Village Attorney. This ordinance came as a result of a request of the Middle School Superintendent.

Traffic Control at St. Benedicts Church: A citizen at the last Village Board meeting had requested the police department routinely direct traffic at St. Benedicts after services year round. The Board referred the matter to the Protection Committee. Discussion followed. Chief Olson had spoken with the Priest and several church officials who felt there was no need for traffic control other than certain holidays and the usual summer period. Trustee Kenney, a church official, also confirmed this opinion. No action taken.

MOTION: Allen/2nd Teale to adjourn at 5:50 PM. Motion Carried Unanimously

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