

JANUARY 20, 2007
PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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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 at 9:00 A.M. by Trustee Bromfield at the Fontana Safety Building.

Roll Call:

Present were; Trustee Bromfield, Dave Eshoo, Mike Van Dyke, and Hal Grabow. Roger O'Brien arrived later. Also present were Fire Chief Jon Kemmett, Police Chief Steve Olson, Administrator Kelly Hayden-Staggs, Lt. Brad Buchholz, Officer Aaron Skinner and Gail Nichols.

Absent: Bob Allen, Patricia Goff and EMS Chief Larry Austin.

Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2006.

GENERAL BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Indian Hills Speed Limit Raise to 35 mph. Administrator Hayden-Staggs discussed the requests for the present speed limit of 25 mph to be raised to 35 mph on Indian Hills Rd. Discussion followed.

***Eshoo/2nd Van Dyke motion to recommend to the Village Board to raise the speed limit on Indian Hills Road only from 25 mph to 35 mph. Motion passed unanimously.

There was also some discussion related to raising the speed limit on North and South Lakeshore Drive. No action taken.

Mill Street Overnight Parking. Administrator Hayden-Staggs brought to the committee, a request from the residents of the Mill Street Condos, on Mill Street, asking the Village to lift the overnight parking ban on Mill Street until the retail building has been built by Porter Court. Discussion followed. It was the recommendation of the Police Chief and the Protection Committee to not change the overnight parking ban due to precedence setting. Administrator Hayden-Staggs said she will take it before the public works department for their review.

Set the February Protection Committee Meeting Date: Date set for February 17, 2007 at 9:00 A.M at the Fontana Safety Building.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (see attached report)

Chief Kemmett reported three runs for the year and all happened on the same day. One of the runs was the assist to Elkhorn for fire at Moy's Restaurant. The Fire Department report showed a total of 123 runs for 2006.

New Equipment: The new engine has been ordered. The final assembly is in South Dakota and the full chassis inspection should be sometime around April in Fontana. Delivery is expected around November or December of this year.

Special Events: Chuck's annual fund raiser/ anniversary party was a big success along with the fire department raffle of its own. Next year will be the 20th anniversary and Chuck's has asked for the fire department to get more involved in the planning, which they intend to do.

End of Year Report: Most of the 123 total calls consisted of false alarms both at the Abbey and Abbey Springs. The problems with the alarms at the Abbey have been pretty much solved but the Abbey Springs alarms continue to be problematic and are resulting in citations until the alarm system is corrected.

New Firefighter Members & New Facilities for Fire & EMS and Police Department: Discussion followed.

Homeland Security Grants: Chief Kemmett reported that the Fire-axe Grant was denied but will be re-applied for next year.

EMS (see attached)

Police Department

Grants: Chief Olson reported he had applied for a Department of Transportation (DOT) grant for computers and printers for the squad cars for the purpose of ticket processing. The police department did not make the cut for 2006 but will be automatically re-applied for in 2007. Trustee Bromfield suggested to the Police Chief to place this item in the 2008 budget. (approximately \$12,000)

Holiday Season Booze & Belts: This is a special program where the police department submits documentation of traffic enforcement and the department then comes into consideration for a \$4,000 equipment grant. A drawing will be held in February.

New Squad: The new squad car has been delivered. The old squad will be sold on e-bay once the decals are removed from it.

Chief Olson said he received a notice from WI WINS, a non profit group saying that they have conducted compliance tests for tobacco sales to minors in Fontana. Their report showed full compliance. (see attached letter)

Air Duct Cleaning: Air Quality Controllers performed air duct cleaning in the safety building . (see attached report)

New Full-Time Officer: Chief Olson made the recommendation that Aaron Skinner be transferred from part-time status to full-time status.

***O'Brien/2nd Eshoo MOTION to recommend to the Fontana Village Board the transfer of Aaron Skinner from part-time to full-time status with the Fontana Police Department. Officer Skinner will be required to move within the required 20 mile radius within the first 6 months of the date of transfer. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Hal Grabow requested a 20-year plaque for his years of service and a “de-certification” letter. Chief Olson explained to Grabow that the de-certification letter is something that is sent out by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Training and Standards. Chief Olson said he would check with Training and Standards.

Eshoo/2nd O'Brien MOTION to adjourn at 9:55 A.M. Motion passed unanimously.

*** Village Board Agenda Items (2)