

**VILLAGE OF FONTANA
PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2005**

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APPROVED: _____

Call to Order: The Protection Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Bromfield at 9:02 A.M. at the Fontana Safety Building.

Roll Call: Members present: Chairman Bromfield, Bob Sandy, Bob Allen, Dave Eshoo and Hal Grabow.

Also present were Police Chief Steve Olson, Fire Chief Jon Kemmett and EMS Captain, Gary Gramms.

Visitors Present: 18 Visitors

Absent were: Ken Ryndak, Roger O'Brien and Ron Frankel. Also absent was EMS Chief Tom Westphal.

Visitors Heard:

George Spadoni said he was asked by the various Board Members and Chairman of the Protection Committee to give a historical perspective on the Chief of Police use of the unmarked squad. Spadoni said the unmarked squad was to be used for meetings and training. Spadoni said the Chief's duty to be available 24-7 does not entitle him to the use of the unmarked squad to and from work.

Fred Bosse, retired Chicago Police Department, said he understood and supported the need for the Chief to have the unmarked squad at his home for immediate response to calls.

Bosse said he also supports the replacement of a full time officer that would bring the staffing level back to where it was before Officer Recknagel left the department. He said full-time officers are far more committed to the community and the citizens.

Bob Sandy expressed support for the six man department citing the need for protection for the part-time population as well as the full-time population.

Ray Cowell said he supports Fred Bosse's views on the full-time officer and said that the budget is currently in place for that officer. He said he felt it would be far more beneficial to the community to fill the vacancy with a full-time officer.

Mark Heckert questioned the problems involved with scheduling using part-time officers.

Chief Olson said he would like to address all of these issues with a power-point presentation at this time that he and Lt. Buchholz had prepared.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the August Protection Committee meeting was made by Dave Eshoo and 2nd by Bob Sandy. Motion passed unanimously

Police Department:

1. Staffing Levels; Chief Olson and Lt. Buchholz gave a power-point presentation re: the Staffing Levels of the Fontana Police Department. Printed copies of the presentation were also handed out to committee members. Topics covered included:
 - Present staffing compares to 1975 level
 - Comparisons to neighboring communities
 - Budget comparisons
 - Cost factors to consider (Full-time vs. Part-time)
 - Pro & Cons of part-time officers
 - Scheduling factors
 - Options

Discussion followed the power point presentation. Hal Grabow said he would prefer to remain at the present level and depend on part-time officers to fill the schedule. Several citizens stated they would like the department to fill the vacant spot on the roster.

Chief Olson asked the Committee for direction for staffing recommendations. John Bromfield said this would be discussed after the PFC Meeting of Sept. 24, 2005.

Bob Sandy made a motion to fill the current full-time officer vacancy. No 2nd.

Dave Eshoo made a motion to table this staffing issue until the October Protection Committee meeting, to base their decision on more factual data from the Finance Committee, regarding the monies available to the Village.

Bob Sandy 2nd the motion, with an amendment, to direct the Finance Committee to budget for six full-time officers in 2006. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety Building Budget

Chief Olson asked:

1. That the budget include an updated phone system for the Safety Building for approximately \$11,000.00 to \$12,000.00. The present system is over 10 years old.

Chief Kemmett asked:

1. That the phone system update be included in the budget.

2. To have the washing machine be included in the new Safety Building budget. The approximately cost is \$6,000, which would include installation. The reason for the machine is to protect against blood-borne pathogens.
3. For funding for general cleaning and painting of the apparatus bay.
4. For funding for the continuation of the exhaust removal system at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

Dave Eshoo made the motion to include the \$6,000 washing machine in the proposed budget. Motion was 2nd by Bob Allen. Motion passed unanimously

No motion made for the phone system request.

Dave Eshoo made a motion for the exhaust removal system at an approximately cost of \$15,000. Motion was 2nd by Bob Allen.

Fire Department Report

Chief Kemmett presented his monthly report. The Report included the yearly election results. Another election will be held next month to fill the position of Trustee to replace Fred Schnitcke, who is now an Assistant Chief.

***A motion to submit the names for approval to the Village Board was made by Bob Allen. Motion was 2nd by Dave Eshoo. Motion passed unanimously.

Burning / Demolition of Homes on Third Avenue: Chief Kemmett said the garage burn is scheduled for Monday, October 17th. The house burn is scheduled for October 29th.

***A motion to recommend to the Village Board for approval of the scheduled burns was made by Dave Eshoo and 2nd by Bob Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Codes for Buildings: Discussion followed. Tabled.

Fire Department Budget: Proposal packets were distributed to Committee members by Chief Kemmett. Discussion followed.

Members Grabow and Sandy excused themselves from the meeting.

EMS Report

The EMS report was submitted by EMS Capt. Gary Gramms.
No budget packets were available.

Member Dave Eshoo excused himself from the meeting. (No Quorum)

Police Budget

Chief Olson presented the Police Department budget proposal. Discussion followed.

Chief Olson asked for the starting salary for part-time officers to be raised to \$15.50, and a raise to \$16.00 per hour for the part-time officers who have been with the Department for over 2 years. Chairman Bromfield said this item would be presented to the Finance Committee on Thursday.

The 1996 squad is being prepared for sale at Auction Associates on October 17th. Discussion followed.

Chief Olson disputed the statements made by George Spadoni regarding the use of the unmarked police vehicle.

The date of the October Protection Committee meeting was set for October 15th.

The Protection Committee adjourned at 11:30 A.M.