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2 Minutes of the meeting of the
3 South Barrington Public Safety Committee
4 Thursday, April 2, 2009

5 Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:20 pm.
6 Present: Chairman Joe Abbate, Trustee Steve Guranovich, Trustee Paula McCombie and
7 Chief Michael Deegan. Also present: Deputy Chief Ray Cordell.

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9 Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

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11 Chief Deegan briefed the Committee on the recent home burglaries that have taken place
12 in the Village and the police department's efforts to prevent further burglaries and catch
13 the perpetrator(s). The chief stated that the detective and evidence technicians are
14 working on the cases. He also commended Sergeant Mark Eaton for his "above and
15 beyond" assistance to one resident. Using his personal tools, Sergeant Eaton repaired the
16 broken door and replaced the locks for one burglarized homeowner.

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18 Approval of Minutes. Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the
19 February 5, 2009 minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee McCombie, motion carried by
20 voice vote.

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22 New Squad Purchases. Chief Deegan presented the Committee with three bids for two (2)
23 2009 Ford Crown Victoria squad cars: Landmark Ford quote at \$20,771 each; Currie
24 Motors quote at \$21,290 each and Friendly Ford quote at \$20,661 each. Chief Deegan
25 recommended that the squad cars be purchased from Friendly Ford in Roselle, Illinois
26 because they were the lowest bid. Trustee Abbate asked which squads were being
27 replaced and Chief Deegan responded that squad #473, a 2005 Crown Victoria with
28 72,088 miles, is scheduled for rotation out of the fleet. Chief Deegan stated that the other
29 squad they were replacing is squad #478, which has 56,756 miles and electrical problems.
30 Chief Deegan recommended holding on to squad #478 for a while longer as he would
31 like Sergeant Eaton to use it when he attends Police Staff & Command School at
32 Northwestern University. The chief estimated that the Village would save over \$2300 in
33 mileage costs if Sergeant Eaton took a squad car versus driving his private vehicle.

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35 Trustee McCombie motioned to recommend to the full Board of Trustees the purchase of
36 two (2) Ford Crown Victoria squad cars from Friendly Ford at an amount not to exceed
37 \$42,000. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich, the motion carried by voice vote.

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39 FBINA Annual Dues. Chief Deegan received a request from Sergeant Parma to pay for
40 his annual dues to the FBI Alumni Association in the amount of \$87 per year. The fee
41 covers monthly training meetings and a subscription to the monthly FBI newsletter. Chief
42 Deegan and Sergeant Parma are both graduates of the FBI National Academy. Committee
43 members discussed the advantages and approved payment. Trustee Guranovich motioned
44 and Trustee McCombie seconded to recommend to the full Board of Trustees to pay the
45 annual dues for FBI National Academy alumni.

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47 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant and Justice Assistance Grant
48 (JAG). Deputy Chief Cordell briefed the Committee on the federal COPS hiring grant
49 application. COPS grants must be used to initiate or enhance community policing
50 activities. The grant was initiated as part of the federal economic recovery plan. The
51 COPS grant may be used to retain existing police officers who may otherwise be let go
52 due to municipal economic realities. It may also be used to hire new police officers. The
53 grant will fully fund a police officer (payroll and benefits) for 36 months (3 years);
54 however, a stipulation of the grant requires that the Village retain the officer for at least
55 12 months thereafter.

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57 Deputy Chief Cordell recommended that the Village apply for the grant and ask for
58 funding for 5 new officers: 3 patrol officers, 1 sergeant, and 1 detective. He stated that 2
59 of these positions would actually replace existing officers—Sergeant Weidig who will be
60 retiring this summer and Officer Dorgan who will likely retire on disability. Deputy Chief
61 Cordell cautioned that although the Village may apply for funding for 5 police officers, it
62 is not likely that we will receive funding for all 5. He added that it is possible that the
63 Village will not be considered for any federal funding.

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65 The Committee discussed the need for additional full-time police officers. They agreed
66 that the recent growth in residential and business development warrants an increase in
67 police personnel. Reviewing the COPS application, Trustee McCombie suggested that the
68 application narrative be further developed to include the village's rapid increase in
69 population and retail venues in the last year, an overtaxed patrol force with increased
70 calls for service, and a suffering HALO program due to personnel shortage.

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72 Trustee McCombie motioned, and Trustee Guranovich seconded, to approve the COPS
73 grant application for 5 additional police officers, and to submit a resolution before the full
74 Board of Trustees to submit the application before the April 15, 2009 deadline. Motion
75 carried by voice vote.

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77 Justice Assistance Grant. Deputy Chief Cordell stated that the he had looked into
78 applying for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to purchase a hybrid police car that is
79 funded at 75% by the federal grant. Unfortunately the application period has expired.
80 Currently, grant applications are done almost exclusively online and the application
81 periods are very short. The deputy chief explained that there are many federal grants
82 coming available as part of the economic recovery plan and that he is reviewing them for
83 their relevance to our police department.

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85 Old Business

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87 A question was raised as to whether QuadCom is insured for a snow plow call out that
88 did not originate with SBPD. Chief Deegan will follow up on the matter.

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90 New Business

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92 Chief Deegan updated the committee on the status of the Part-time Officer candidates. He
93 stated that the seven candidates have been scheduled to interview with the police chief
94 and mayor later in the month.

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96 Trustee Guranovich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee McCombie seconded;
97 motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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100 The minutes of the April 2, 2009 Public Safety Committee are respectfully submitted by
101 Recording Secretary Mary Lampugnano.

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104 Approved on _____, 2009