

1 Minutes of the meeting of the
2 South Barrington Public Safety Committee
3 Monday, August 10, 2009
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5 Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:03 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 Approval of Minutes. Trustee McCombie motioned to accept the minutes of the June 4,
12 2009 minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich, the motion carried by voice
13 vote.
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15 Digital Cameras. Chief Deegan requested that he be allowed to purchase five (5) digital
16 cameras, with monies from the DUI fund, to place in the squad cars to be used to
17 photograph evidence. The chief explained that the officers use to use a Polaroid Instant
18 camera to capture evidence as well as photograph for ID cards but that that technology
19 has been replaced with the digital camera. The chief also stated that the price of the
20 digital cameras has come down dramatically and that this is the most cost-efficient
21 option. The purchase price for the cameras is \$59 each and the media card is \$9.
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23 Trustee Guranovich motioned to approve the purchase of five digital cameras and media
24 cards at an amount not to exceed \$400 to be taken from the DUI line item. Trustee
25 McCombie seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote.
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27 Trustee Abbate yes
28 Trustee Guranovich yes
29 Trustee McCombie yes
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31 Chief Deegan requested that he be authorized to purchase a new computer processor with
32 more RAM memory to accommodate the manufacturer's software upgrade to our in-car
33 digital video systems. This is a dedicated computer that is used only for downloading
34 videos taken in the squad cars. The computer currently being used for the video system
35 has become antiquated and is not capable of sustaining the new system. The chief
36 outlined his proposal to purchase a new Dell OPTIPLEX 960 MT computer at a cost of
37 \$1,745.99.
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39 Trustee Guranovich motioned to recommend to the full Board of Trustees the a new
40 computer be purchased with funds from the DUI line item, not to exceed \$1745.99, for
41 the purpose of managing videos recorded by the squad in-car cameras. Discussion:
42 Trustee McCombie asked the chief why the memory on this computer is only 4GB and if
43 he would consider increasing the amount of memory. The chief stated that this request
44 came from the sergeant who manages the system and that the 4GB memory
45 recommendation was made by the manufacturer. The motion was seconded by Trustee
46 McCombie and carried by roll call vote.

47 Trustee Abbate yes
48 Trustee Guranovich yes
49 Trustee McCombie yes

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51 Parking Regulations and Ordinance Referrals from Building and Zoning Committee. The
52 committee discussed Chapters 4 and 13 of the Village Code specific to parking
53 regulations and outdoor storage regulations. Chief Deegan took issue with the language
54 in section D. j. in Section 6-4-1 of the parking ordinance, stating that this is an
55 enforcement ordinance and not a descriptive one. The committee also discussed the issue
56 of residents who are selling used cars parked on their front lawns. Deputy Chief Cordell
57 suggested one way to address this issue would be to change section j. to read ...”on any
58 publicly or privately owned non-improved surface or grass, not to exceed 24 hours...”

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60 The committee also discussed limiting the use of portable storage units and how to
61 enforce the ordinance pertaining to outdoor storage. Chief Deegan recommended that the
62 enforcement authority should rest solely with the Village building officer or his designee
63 and that the chief of police should be removed from enforcement.

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65 Trustee Guranovich motioned to send the proposed changes to the village’s parking and
66 outdoor storage ordinances to the village attorney for review and advice. Seconded by
67 Trustee McCombie the motion carried by voice vote.

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69 Old Business

70 None.

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72 New Business

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74 Trustee Guranovich asked the chief if he has heard anything about the COPS grant
75 funding for the two new officers. The chief responded that he does not expect to hear
76 anything until the end of September and cautioned that funding is not very likely. The
77 purpose of the COPS grant is to fund agencies that are economically depressed and are
78 facing police officer cutbacks, not for expansion personnel.

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80 Chief Deegan reported to the committee that the power shift (3 pm – 3am), created to
81 maximize police presence in the Village during peak times, is working well. He added
82 that when there are four or more officers working, he has directed the sergeants to use the
83 beat system whereby officers are assigned to specific areas of the Village.

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85 The committee discussed the increase in calls for service. Chief Deegan stated that in
86 addition to the calls from the Arboretum, calls for service are up in all subdivisions.
87 Residential burglar alarms (false alarms) have increased ever since the Village sent out its
88 safety letter alerting residents to the home burglaries that have occurred over the last few
89 months.

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91 The committee discussed the upcoming sergeant's promotional test and assessment
92 center. Chief Deegan stated that four officers have elected to take the exam: Officers
93 Haniszewski, Kaepplinger, Lang, and Lopez.

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95 Trustee McCombie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Guranovich seconded;
96 motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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99 The minutes of the August 10, 2009 Public Safety Committee are respectfully submitted
100 by Recording Secretary Mary Lampugnano.

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103 Approved on _____, 2009