

Minutes of the meeting of the
South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Thursday, April 1, 2010

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Present: Trustee Joe Abbate, Trustee Paula McCombie, Trustee Steve Guranovich, Chief Mike Deegan. Also present: Deputy Chief Ray Cordell.

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2010 minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee McCombie, the motion carried by voice vote.

Social Hosting Ordinance. Chief Deegan briefed committee members on the Social Hosting Ordinance proposed by BACOG. The BACOG ordinance allows hosts to notify the police department of underage alcohol/drug use without jeopardy. The Village of Barrington has signed the ordinance but is the only BACOG member to do so. Chief Deegan reviewed the South Barrington ordinance and stated that in his opinion our current ordinance is sufficient to address the issue of underage drinking at parties. He added that in 2008, South Barrington police officers made 42 arrests for underage alcohol or drug use, and in 2009 they made 27 arrests. The Committee discussed the issue and decided to table the discussion until they have re-read both the Village's and the BACOG ordinances.

Village False Alarm Charges. Chief Deegan, responding to questions raised at the last Finance Committee meeting, briefed Trustees on the current fee/fine structure for home security alarms for residents and businesses. A false alarm is one that is not considered to be an emergency call for police service and can occur under a variety of circumstances such as accidental activation due to user error, weather triggered, or faulty systems. Chief Deegan stated that users are given a "free pass" on the first 3 false alarms each calendar year. Users are charged \$50 each for false alarms between the number of 4 and 7. If a user has over 7 false alarms within a calendar year period, they are charged \$100 each.

Deputy Chief Cordell informed the Committee that in the past year, the increased number of attempted home and car burglaries have yielded an increase in the number of residents who use a home security alarm and consequently, we have seen an increase in the number of false activations.

The committee discussed the possibility of raising the fine amount for false alarms. Chief Deegan stated that he has had discussion with the mayor on this subject and that the mayor supported a fine schedule similar to the Village of Hoffman Estates whereby false alarm charges are \$100 for alarms 3-5 and \$200 for anything over 5 false alarms. The Committee considered the information provided but took no action.

Ordering New Squad Cars. Chief Deegan requested permission to order 3 new squad cars as part of the normal rotation of vehicles. They include a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria

Police Interceptor at a cost of \$20,851, a 2010 Ford Expedition Special Service Vehicle at a cost of \$25,314, and a 2010 Chevrolet Impala at a cost of \$18,848.63. All vehicle prices are in line with the State of Illinois Contract prices. All prices include title and vehicle registration.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to recommend to the full Board of Trustees the purchase of the three police vehicles as requested by Chief Deegan at a total cost not to exceed \$65,013.63. Seconded by Trustee McCombie, the motion carried by roll call vote.

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| Trustee Abbate | yes |
| Trustee Guranovich | yes |
| Trustee McCombie | yes |

Old Business

Crime Statistics. Chief Deegan provided the drug arrest statistics for the Village of South Barrington as reported by the Illinois State Police. He reported that there has been a sharp increase recently in the number of drug related arrests, particularly cannabis. In 2008 our police department made 8 drug related arrests and in 2009 we made 42 drug related arrests.

New Business

Police Commission Update. Deputy Chief Cordell updated the Committee on the activity of the Police Commission. He prefaced by saying that of the 7 new officers hired in 2009, 2 have already left. There are currently 3 candidates on the roster and they will replace officers who have left and not add to the staff. There are currently 2 full-time officer openings and 5 part-time openings. Deputy Chief Cordell expressed frustration at not being able to attract qualified candidates from the pool as it currently defined. He stated that there has been discussion at the Police Commission meetings to amend the rules so as to waive the testing process for police officers in good standing with other municipalities who have been laid off due to economic conditions of their employer. Deputy Chief Cordell also stated that once the full-time officer positions are fully staffed, the Village might consider lowering the part-time officer staffing level from 12 down to 8 officers.

Discussion about Crime Activity at the Arboretum. The Committee discussed the crime activity at the Arboretum including retail theft and purse snatching. Chief Deegan stated that Detective Haniszewski has been working diligently to solve these crimes. Trustee McCombie asked for an update on the incident at Ruth's Chris Restaurant. Chief informed her that the victim refused to press charges so the case will close.

New Cell Phone Contract. Chairman Abbate informed Committee members that the police department signed a new cell phone contract with Sprint. There was a one time charge of \$8.95 per phone for upgraded phones but the monthly rate is the same as before and increased services have been made available to police supervisors including internet and texting capabilities.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee McCombie seconded; motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

The minutes of the April 1, 2010 Public Safety Committee are respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Mary Lampugnano.

Approved on _____, 2010