

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

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 7:02 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 April 1, 2010 minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee McCombie, the motion carried by voice vote.

Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) Recognition. Chief Deegan briefed the Committee on the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists certificates of appreciation that were given to Officers Cruz, Bialas and Lang for their outstanding efforts at DUI enforcement in 2009. AAIM is a not-for-profit education and lobbying organization dedicated to ensuring strong enforcement of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) laws. Last year Officer Cruz led the police department with 22 DUI arrests, Officer Bialas made 9 arrests and Officer Lang assisted in 6 arrests. Chief Deegan asked that the officers be invited to the next Board of Trustees meeting to be presented with the AAIM certificates of appreciation.

Chief Deegan stated that he has been very pleased with the performance of patrol officers with regard to DUI enforcement. Officers have been diligently enforcing DUI in the village. He added that that Officer Bialas has made 14 DUI arrests so far this year.

Police Applicants Update. Deputy Chief Cordell updated the Committee on the activities of the Police Commission. Applications for full-time police officer are currently being accepted until July 4, 2010. Applicants are limited to police officers who have been laid off from other department after June 9, 2009 due to economic constraints. The applicants must have been in good standing with their previous employers. Chief Deegan supplied the Committee with a list of applicants so far. There are 8 candidates who are currently undergoing background checks. The Police Commission will conduct oral interviews on July 13 and July 15. There are currently 2 full-time positions open within SBPD.

Golf Carts on Village Roads. The Committee discussed the issue of residents using golf carts on Village property and roadways. Chief Deegan stated that he has received numerous complaints from residents, particularly from the Regency neighborhood, of individuals riding golf carts through the neighborhood and on walking paths. The golf carts are primarily from residents in the Woods who cut through the Regency roads and walking paths to get to the Arboretum. Chief Deegan stated that he also occasionally gets complaints from residents in the Glen about golf carts in the roadway.

Chief Deegan distributed a copy of the Illinois State law regarding the use of motorized vehicles, including golf carts, on the roadway. He stated that the golf carts are illegal

unless specifically legalized by the village and even so, their use on the roadway have the same restrictions as automobiles (they must be registered, can only be driven by licensed drivers, etc.).

The committee discussed the problems being caused by the golf cart usage. One issue is the damage being done to the landscaping when the carts are driven off the road. Trustee Abbate recommended that the Village Attorney be contacted to draft an ordinance that prohibits golf carts on Village roadways. Deputy Chief Cordell stated that he has already talked to Tom Bastian from the Village Attorney's office regarding the ordinance. The document will use broad language to state that golf carts are disallowed on all Village property which will include the walking paths in the Regency. He added, however, that the police department cannot enforce the ordinance in those subdivisions where the roads are private property and that do not have a traffic enforcement agreement with the Village. The Regency and the Glen are both private roadways. The Regency does not currently have an enforcement agreement with the Village. Trustee Abbate recommended that the Village reach out to the Regency's Homeowner's Association Board to encourage them to sign an enforcement agreement.

#### Old Business

There was no old business.

#### New Business

Housewatches. Trustee McCombie requested that police officers pick up newspapers from the driveways of residents who are on the housewatch list. She stated that this is a safety precaution in that accumulated newspapers left in the driveway are a signal to would-be trespassers that there is no one at home. Chief Deegan agreed and assured her that he has directed officers to remove the newspapers from the driveways.

Update on Purchase of Chief's Squad Car. Chief Deegan informed Committee members that they missed the deadline for ordering the Chevy Impala at the price of \$18,800. The deadline was April 1, 2010 and the order was not placed until April 8. The new price is \$19,300. Trustee Guranovich motioned to increase the expenditure for the 2010 Chevy Impala as approved at the last Board of Trustees meeting for an amount not to exceed \$19,300. Trustee McCombie seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Abbate           yes

Trustee Guranovich   yes

Trustee McCombie     yes

Trustee Guranovich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee McCombie seconded; motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned 8:54 pm.

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

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010