

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ZONING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Saigh, Trustee Angelo, Trustee Haarlow, Trustee Elder

Absent: None

Also Present: Dave Cook, Village Manager, Robert McGinnis, Community Development Director/Building Commissioner, Bradley Bloom, Chief of Police, Mike Kelly, Fire Chief

Trustee Saigh called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes – May, 2011

Trustee Elder moved to approve the minutes for the May 23, 2011 meeting as amended. Second by Trustee Angelo. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports – April 2011

Police Department

Chief Bloom asked if the Committee had any questions on the police monthly report. Chief Bloom also indicated that copies of the police department annual report and the CALEA On-site report were included in the Committee's materials. Trustee Angelo comments that he was struck by the number of hours officers spend in schools teaching the DARE and Vega programs. Trustee Angelo said that this was a very positive thing and many residents are not aware of this.

Chief Bloom stated that he was very pleased with the initial on-site CALEA report and that the findings were very positive. Chief Bloom stated the next step in the accreditation process is a hearing conducted in July by the full Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in Cincinnati. Chief Bloom stated that the Village's insurance carrier sees accreditation as such a positive way to reduce liability exposure that they pay for 1/3 of the accreditation fees. Chairman Saigh stated that he was impressed that only 5% of police departments nationally go through this voluntary process.

Chief Bloom then added that the police department will be launching our new social media sites on Twitter and Facebook. Chief Bloom stated that the Twitter account could be used in keeping residents apprised of power outage info.

Chief Bloom stated that our current policy regarding when the outdoor tornado sirens are activated are under review following last week's storm. Chief Bloom noted that many of the surrounding municipalities did not activate their tornado sirens and have similar policies calling for activations only when a tornado or funnel cloud is

within 5 miles of the Village border. A broader policy of use will result in more usage of the sirens. Chief Bloom noted that we have a system designed as an “outdoor warning system” consisting of two sirens and it is not designed to warn people within their homes.

Chief Bloom stated that he was recommending that barrier fencing be added for the upcoming 4th of July Parade along a portion of First Street where the roadway is constricted due to the planter boxes for the upcoming. Chief Bloom stated that this is based on safety and the close proximity to children and crowds during the parade. Trustee Angelo noted that he has seen some close calls as motorized vehicles maneuver during the parade and come in very close proximity to children.

Fire Department

Chief Kelly reported on the Safety Village program. This was the 29th year that the program was offered to the children in the community. The program was a success and approximately 200 children attended. Trustee Angelo questioned the increase in simultaneous calls from May 2010 compared to May 2011. Chief Kelly explained that there was not a specific cause for the increase that could be identified and that with emergency calls it is difficult to predict when those calls will come in. Trustee Angelo also asked if there was an increase of approximately 200 calls with 25% of the calls being simultaneous how that would impact the department. Chief Kelly explained that he felt the department could absorb an increase of 200 calls as we do see fluctuations each year in the number of calls we respond to. The concern would be that with an increase in the call volume there could be an increase in the number of simultaneous calls and that could have an impact on service. Chief Kelly explained that currently we have the ability to respond to two simultaneous ambulance calls but if a third request came in we would have to rely on our surrounding communities and although they are willing to assist there is a resulting delay in getting the service to the residents.

Trustee Saigh asked about the dumpster fire at Veeck Park that was included in the Monthly Report and if it was related to construction and if there is usually a dumpster in the Park. Chief Kelly explained that with dumpster fires the cause is usually related to mischief and that with this particular fire there was no clear cause that could be identified. Chief Kelly indicated that the dumpster appeared to be there for a specific reason due to the location rather than one that is regularly at the Park. Chief Kelly explained that most dumpster fires are located at construction sites but that the Building Department has requirements on how close a dumpster can be to a structure to lessen the chance that a fire will spread to a structure. Trustee Saigh inquired about the CPR courses that are offered by the fire department. Chief Kelly explained the courses that are available and that fire department personnel are trained to instruct the classes and that the cost of the instruction is covered by the registration fee.

Community Development

Robert McGinnis stated that the department was very busy during the month of May issuing 6 permits for new single family homes and posting permit revenues of over \$144,000.00. 123 permits were issued and 365 inspections were done during the month. He stated that the hospital was making good progress and had started some interior painting already, the Hamptons of Hinsdale was moving forward again and that trailers were being set, and that village staff was working to try and get permits issued for both the shelter building and paddle tennis courts at KLM.

Request for Board Action

Approve Annual Membership Fees to DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group

Chief Bloom stated that DuPage Metropolitan Group (DUMEG) is a law enforcement agency specializing in illegal drug investigations within DuPage County. DUMEG is administered by the Illinois State Police and includes agents from DuPage County police agencies as well as the Illinois State Police. Their investigative techniques include undercover buys, surveillances, the use of informants and sharing intelligence information. All of DUMEG's investigations originate in DuPage County.

Since most local municipal police agencies don't have the resources to conduct investigations on their own and since most drug investigation cross jurisdictional lines local agencies contract with DUMEG to conduct drug investigations within their jurisdictions. All drug investigations are done cooperatively and in conjunction with local law enforcement. Agencies wishing to participate in DUMEG have the choice of assigning an officer to the unit or paying a fee which is based on the number of sworn officers authorized by budget. Hinsdale has been a member of DUMEG since its inception 30 years ago and has always been a fee paying contributor.

Chief Bloom stated that they found DUMEG to be both responsive to our needs and quite effective. DUMEG agents in the past year alone have been quite active and conducted many drug investigations within the Village. Moreover, since there has always been a link between illegal drug use and property crimes intelligence information supplied by DUMEG has been invaluable to our investigators.

Chief Bloom requested payment of the fair share contribution to the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DUMEG) in the amount of \$13,000, based upon \$520 per authorized officer (25 officers).

Trustee Angelo motioned to recommend that the Village Board approve payment in the amount of \$13,000 to the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group. Trustee Elder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve purchase of a 2011 Ford F-250 from Currie Motors for \$24,796.00 to replace a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban as a Fire Department Utility Vehicle.

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Discussion Items

Proceeds from Alley Vacations

Dave Cook introduced this item and stated that presently the proceeds from the sale of vacated alleys go into the general fund. There are generally between 2 and 4 of these per year with total revenues of \$50-75K per year on average. Members agreed that leaving the money in the general fund afforded some flexibility to the Board and that it should not be earmarked for a separate fund.

Request from the Hinsdale Rotary for Special Parking Considerations

Chief Bloom stated that a request from Janet Klotz, representing the Hinsdale Rotary, involved offering a parking space as a raffle prize in their upcoming Rotary Run Charity Classic. In summary they are requesting the following:

- 1) Pay for a specific metered parking space for one year that would have a Rotary Club sign posted, and the winner could park there for free.
- 2) Supply the winner with a Rotary medallion to hang from the rearview mirror, which would act as a permit for any space for their car for the period of a year.
- 3) Pay for a parking permit that Rotary would raffle off, and the winner would be presented with the permit.

In exchange for the right to raffle off a parking space, Rotary will agree to pay the village a predetermined amount, as well as publicly recognize the Village of Hinsdale and the Police Department in all advertising and signage.

Proceeds from the raffled tickets will go to the Rotary Run Charity Classic, which is in its 17th year of fundraising for various local non-profits.

The Committee discussed the various options with Janet Klotz and decided to recommend a “super parking permit” that would allow the permit holder to use the permit in any of the Village permit parking lots. The Committee thought that a discussion at the Board level on what to charge would be helpful in determining the cost.

Consideration of Amendment to the Liquor Ordinance

The Committee discussed the pro’s and cons of allowing patrons to bring their own alcohol into a restaurant. Chief Bloom stated that the current ordinance does not specifically speak to allow or disallow this practice. Staff has interpreted the term

“dispense” to prohibit this practice. The Committee discussed and thought that the entire Board should discuss this practice.

The Committee then discussed adding additional language to provide clarification to closing hours and the presence of alcohol. The Committee directed staff to have the Village attorney amend the ordinance to provide clarification.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Saigh asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Angelo made the motion and Trustee Elder seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert McGinnis, MCP
Director of Community Development/Building Commissioner