

The Village of Hawthorn Woods
Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
May, 7th. 2007
7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Benstein at 7:35 pm.

Chairman Harry Benstein	present
Vice-Chairman Bob Shutty	absent
Secretary Rich Petrus	present
Mr. Gene Gawalek	present
Mr. Joe Mancino	present
Trustee Joanne Weick	absent
Chief Jennifer Paulus	present

II. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Benstein, second by Mr. Gawalek to approve the minutes of March 5th 2007 meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

n/a

IV. REPORTS BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS

a) Village Board Liaison Report. n/a

b) Chief of Police Report.

Chief Paulus reviewed on going training of all officers in rapid deployment, as well as specialty training by officers; Weber; Gaffney; Sgt. Tennant; Det. Sgt. Viramontes & Cmdr. Scharringhausen. Rapid deployment training in cooperation with the Lake Zurich Police Department on May 5th & 6th at Middle School North was a complete success. Other cooperative training sessions are planned for May 17th at Lake Zurich High School as a pre-prom mock crash event.

Extra patrols and surveillance in the schools due to a District #95 rumor of violence on April 20th kept students, staff and parents at ease. The day went without incident.

Congratulations to Officer Armijo for what started as a routine traffic stop & ended up in a felony drug arrest.

Chief Paulus' 3rd annual Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 12th. At Community Park. Donations of prizes and Culvers treats are but a few of the things planned for that day.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Harry Benstein was nominated as Chairman of the Police and Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Bob Shetty was appointed as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Rich Petrus was appointed Secretary.

Mr. Dekruif of Countryside Meadows Subdivision was sent information and a report from Chief Paulus regarding his request for a stop sign to be placed at two different intersections. A traffic counter will be placed near those intersections and traffic flow will be monitored. Upon this analysis, further steps may be taken.

Traffic at Old McHenry and Route 12 is unusually heavy during rush hour periods. A traffic counter was recently placed near this intersection. The developer looking at this property, along with the Hawthorn Woods officials will analyze the findings for future improvements.

Heritage Oaks new park needs speed limit signs and a police presence to slow traffic down. Chief Paulus will request 10 MPH signs and schedule the radar trailer to be staged during the weekends of May 18th and the 25th to bring about the awareness of the speed limit to those driving through the park.

The Parks and Recreation Committee are planning to build bike paths through certain subdivisions. A member of the P & PS Committee should participate with that committee in the construction of future bike paths throughout the village. Chief Paulus was asked to contact Kim Lynch to request our inclusion.

The 2016 Olympics may come to Chicago and possibly the Lake County Lakewood Forest Preserve nearby. They were asked to provide a site south of Ivanhoe Road and west of Fairfield Road for equestrian events. A discussion was raised as to what our village's responsibilities would be if that happened. The Olympic location decision is not until October 2009. Traffic issues seem to be the only issues to date.

The burning of leaves and other organic debris is outlined and established in village code. Fire pits are not considered or defined. A discussion and input was requested regarding the regulation of fire pits and their open burning.

Flynt Creek meanders it's way to the Fox River. It is full of dead trees and other obstructions and during heavy rain periods, floods yards and endangers personal residences. Ideas to clean it out to alleviate this problem were posed to the committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS
n/a

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Mr. Gawalek, second by Mr. Mancino to adjourn the meeting at
8:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

_____ Date _____
Police & Public Safety Committee Approval