

The Village of Hawthorn Woods  
Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes  
DATE 5-7-08  
7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Benstein at 7:30 pm.

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

II. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Motion by, Gene Gawalek

Second by Joe Mancino

Minutes were approved unanimously on 1-7-08

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Tom Ketchum, member of the finance committee, addressed the committee. He expressed his concern about the motorcycle being on public display at the Vernon Hills Law Enforcement Expo. Mr. Ketchum was informed that the motorcycle program had been cut from the budget.

Mr. Ketchum had questions about the police department budget and the resident's opinions of the function and responsibilities of the police department. Mr. Ketchum had comments about his tax bill and the low amount of his bill that the actually goes to the Village. He questioned what could be done to educate the community about the budget and Village services.

IV. REPORTS BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS

a) Village Board Liaison Report.

Trustee Weick discussed the overall Village budget and her concerns over the amount of money budgeted for legal expenses. Mr. Mancino voiced his concerns about the amount of money budgeted for police legal/labor issues.

Trustee Weick discussed the plans for the Village's 50<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations and the funding of those programs. Mr. Mancino questioned the Village's decision to spend donation money before they had received it.

b) Chief of Police Report

Chief Paulus discussed the status of the photo red light enforcement. Chief Paulus reviewed the approved stub year budget for the police department.

There was a discussion on the noise issue with Lakewood Meadow subdivision and Alpine Towing.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Was discussed in Chief Paulus' report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a) Holiday Decoration Ordinance

The committee tabled this discussion until the next meeting when Mr. Petrus was available to discuss it.

b) Parking Issue – Community Park

The committee discussed the parking issue on Park View Ln. Chief Paulus advised that Village staff had addressed the issue by notifying the associations using the park and would improve the plant barrier where people are cutting through from Park View Ln. to the park.

c) Police Motorcycle Program

Chief Paulus informed the committee the leasing agent for the motorcycle had dropped the program and in order to keep the motorcycle it would have to be purchased. Trustee Weick advised she did not feel the Village Board supported the idea of continuing the motorcycle program due to the financial situation of the Village. Chief Paulus agreed and advised the motorcycle program had been suspended.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gene Gawalek

Second by Mr. Joe Mancino

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

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Police & Public Safety Committee Approval

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