

The Village of Hawthorn Woods
Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
DATE: 3-2-09
7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Benstein at 7:33 pm.

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

II. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Motion by, Mr. Gene Gawalek

Second by Mr. Bob Shutty

Minutes were approved unanimously on 3-2-09

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None present

IV. REPORTS BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS

a) Village Board Liaison Report. n/a

b) Chief of Police Report – Chief discussed highlights from the PD. There was a discussion on promoting neighborhood watch programs.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Chief Paulus answered questions on the January 2009, yearly summary report.

Discussion on amended village code regarding general penalty section and fines for violations of non-moving traffic violations.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Squad Replacement Program – Chief Paulus discussed different options of replacing squad cars. She will present a replacement program to the Committee at the next meeting.

COPS Grants – Chief Paulus discussed the COPS Fast grants and her plan to seek board approval for applying for at least one new patrol officer. The Committee unanimously supported Chief Paulus applying for such grants with Board approval.

PD Staffing – Chief Paulus discussed current staffing levels at the PD and the cost of overtime as well as some possible solutions.

Vehicle Lockouts – Chief Paulus presented a survey result from the IL Municipal Conference regarding other municipalities charging a fee for vehicle lockouts. The Committee unanimously agreed that Hawthorn Woods should not charge a fee for vehicle lockout services at this time.

Social Hosting Ordinance – Chief Paulus discussed the implementation of a Social Hosting Ordinance and provided several draft copies for review. The Committee unanimously agreed this is something the Village should act on as it is a very important issue to the community. Mr. Mancino also discussed his involvement with "PROUD" and his desire to bring it to Hawthorn Wood's Schools.

Vehicle Seizure and Impoundment Ordinance – Chief Paulus discussed the implementation of a vehicle impound ordinance which would allow the Village to apply a bond to vehicle's involved in the commission of certain criminal offenses. The Committee unanimously supported the implementation of such an ordinance and agreed the Chief should present the idea to the Village Board for consideration in the future.

Wood Tales – Mr. Benstein discussed seeking permission from the HWWC to include information from the Police Department in a small portion of their monthly newsletter. Mr. Benstein will follow-up with the HWWC and report back to the Committee.

CN Railroad Issues – Discussion on CN Railroad issues.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gene Gawalek

Second by Mr. Bob Shetty

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Police & Public Safety Committee Approval

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