

The Village of Hawthorn Woods  
Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes  
DATE: 1-5-09  
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	present
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. Bob Shutty

Second by Mr. Gene Gawalek

Minutes were approved unanimously on 1-5-09

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Tom Ketcham was present to express his concern on the downsized Police force and questioned the response time of the department. He and his neighbors have had discussions and are concerned for the officers physical & mental health given all the overtime and the possibility of burn out.

Chief Paulus assured Mr. Ketcham the there are always two officers on the street at all times. She explained that over time has increased and the officers are currently working twelve hour shifts. The schedule can get tricky at times but the officers have pulled together and are not opposed to working the additional hours.

There was also some discussion of putting together neighborhood watches and that if anyone needed assistance in doing that, Chief Paulus would assist with the necessary information.

IV. REPORTS BY VILLAGE OFFICIALS

a) Village Board Liaison Report. n/a

b) Chief of Police Report. Due in the near future.

V. OLD BUSINESS

After reviewing the speed limit on Indian Creek Road, it was determined to leave it as posted.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Barn court Administrative Adjudication is under way and operational. After much discussion regarding non moving violations, village code enforcement and similar fines and how the village would benefit from the additional revenue, the Police and Public Safety Committee unanimously voted and would strongly recommend to the Village Board to adjust the general penalty section of the village code to incorporate a fine structure for IVC violations.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gene Gawalek

Second by Mr. Joe Mansino

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

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Police & Public Safety Committee Approval

Date \_\_\_\_\_