PORTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES
September 19, 2006

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Linda Hodges called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. In attendance were Linda Hodges, Bill Donley and Karen Pisowicz.

Also in attendance was Chief Jamie Spanier.

Bill Donley made a motion to approve minutes from August 29, 2006 minutes. Karen Pisowicz seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Jamie Spanier submitted monthly reports. Chief Spanier advised stats for August were slightly lower than July. Spanier advised that the Police Department would be going through the town checking for abandon vehicles, due to many complaints. On Francis Street there were eight to ten alone, discussed the ordinance for abandon vehicles.

Bill Donley wanted to know if there was anything to report from the Taste of Porter. Chief Spanier advised there was only one arrest and was not directly related to the Taste of Porter.

Linda Hodges asked about the noise ordinance in relation to beer gardens downtown. Chief Spanier advised he received clarification in an email from the town attorney. Ordinance is to be enforced if complaints are made while it is occurring.

Mileage was lower in total due to gas prices.

Under Old Business, Bill Donley spoke to fellow employee who did a traffic light test, he did say that he thought that the amber light could be on a little longer from eastbound traffic. Maybe this could be looked into and recommend that it be changed again. Chief Spanier advised that there have been two traffic studies, and could possibly be looked into further. Donley and Spanier recommend that Town Council maybe go down state and address it down there. Linda Hodges suggested petitions be put in place for the public to Donley and Spanier recommend that Town Council maybe go down state and address it down there. Linda Hodges suggested petitions be put in place for the public to see what response can be made.

New Business, Linda Hodges brought up Jason Casbon's leave of absence, letter requesting leave. Town Council requested commission get recommendations so they can act upon it. Karen Pisowicz questioned that he was requesting fourteen months and the issue that in the town handbook it states twelve months. Linda Hodges suggested that a request be made, for up to fourteen months. Also, there were concerns raised about

medical and life insurance. Bill Donley made motion for approval, on the leave of absence for Jason Casbon for a period of up to fourteen months, starting whenever he receives his orders for training in Iraq. Karen Pisowicz seconded the motion, motioned carried.

Karen Pisowicz said that there were five candidates for position of Police Officer; chosen was Martin Gonzalez who has been with the Chesterton Police Department for a year and half. The second choice is Tawni Komisarcik who is highly recommended but she will need police academy training. Bill Donley made a motion to accept Karen Pisowicz's recommendation of Gonzalez. Linda Hodges seconded motion. Motion carried. Linda Hodges made motion to hire Gonzalez, all were in favor. Motion carried. Chief Spanier requested it be recommended to the Town Council that Komisarcik be hired when Jason Casbon leaves. Bill Donley made motion, Karen Pisowicz seconded. Motion carried. Chief Spanier asked that the hire of part-time officers be put on next meetings agenda due to applicants still applying at this time.

There were no public comments and no further comments from commission.

Meeting adjourned, minutes signed.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Lane due to Rita Newman's absence.

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Minutes approved this 17 day of Oct., 2006

Linda Hodges

Linda Hodges, President

Bill Donley

Bill Donley, Commissioner

Karen Pisowicz

Karen Pisowicz, Commissioner

Attest - Rita Newman