

PORTER METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION  
minutes

January 19, 2010

The Porter Police Commission was called to order at 6:02 p.m. In attendance were Karen Pisowicz, President; Sandi Snyder, Commissioner, Joe Wagner, Commission, Police Chief Jamie Spanier and Town Council Liaison Jon Granat.

Snyder made a motion to accept the December 15, 2009 minutes. Motion approved.

Pisowicz handed the gavel to Snyder and made a motion to nominate Wagner as president of the police commission. Wagner seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Snyder abstained.

Pisowicz then nominated Snyder for vice-president. Wagner seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Snyder abstained.

Under monthly reports, Spanier stated the department is still pretty busy. Normally things would slack off by this time but a lot of criminals were shopping for Christmas.

Under old business, since the last meeting the Town Council approved the money for a K-9 program for the dog, the training of the officer and agreed to allow the department to order a truck. Two officers put in for the job and Officer Cornelison was accepted. The dog has already been trained and Cornelison will spend about 5 weeks being trained with the dog. If the vehicle is not ready by April the department has been advised to postpone the training until the vehicle is ready. It is better to train both the human and dog with the vehicle. A question arose regarding what would happen if down the road Cornelison decided to leave he would probably get the dog under the Fair Labor Standard act. It has been proposed to possibly have a small contract for 2 or 3 years so this would not happen. The attorney feels a 3 year contract would be sufficient and if Cornelison would leave the dog would follow. Wagner thinks the dog is a great asset to the department and Spanier noted that well over 90% of the thefts and breakins are related to drugs.

Resident Jennifer Klug asked if the dog would not make outside calls while off duty but would be called to duty if Porter needed the dog. The answer is yes.

Liaison Granat welcomed Wagner to the commission. Snyder asked if dates have been set for the program at Yost school. Spanier said officer Allen will handle this and there should be a date possibly by next meeting.

There was discussion regarding vehicles and replacement policy and Spanier said the department is in much better shape now that CEDIT money has been allocated.

Meeting adjourned 6:20 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Rita Newman, secretary

Approved this 16 day of February, 2010

  
Joe Wagner, President

  
Sandi Snyder, Vice-President

  
Karen Pisowicz, Commissioner

ATTEST:   
Rita Newman