

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION

April 14, 2004 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. Present were Chad Brooks, President; Bill Donley, Vice-President, Linda Hodges, Commissioner; Police Chief John Lane. Also present in the capacity of liason from the Porter Town Council, Sandi Booth.

Bill Donley made a motion to accept the March 10, 2004 minutes. Linda Hodges seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Lane submitted the March monthly reports. There was discussion regarding mileage on the police cars taken home. The training materials for the Child is Missing program has been received and scheduling for training will be set up. Porter Police Department is now registered for this program.

Two radar units that were thought to be beyond repair can be repaired for \$276 for both units to put them back in service. This will put moving radar in Chief Lane's and Asst. Chief Menn's car.

The week of March 22 through the 26th, Chief Lane attended Chief's Executive School in Plainfield. This training is mandated within the first 12 months of a Chief's appointment. About 65 persons attended this training class.

Chief Lane noted a letter of recognition put in Eric Moore's file regarding an auto accident that involved Pam Soltis' trained therapy dog. The dog did not survive and Office Moore contacted her later in the evening to see how she was. Also, Animal Warden Jay Craig stayed with Pam Soltis and the dog at Westchester Animal Clinic. Warden Craig was present to receive his commendation.

Chief Lane then addressed his recent presentation of nitro⁹⁴s oxide and related that just before tonights meeting someone was seen using a balloon and was taken into custody. Chief Lane talked about this particular problem; its effects on the brain, etc. The nitro⁹⁴s oxide capsule are available at restaurant supply places readily accessible vis the internet. On the internet a case of 600 cartridges for \$185, shipping \$25, for a cost of 35 cents per cartridge.

It was agreed by consensus to accept the reports from Chief Lane.

General Order #11- Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the order as written. Bill Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0

During audience participation, Karen Pivsovich brought up the annual midnight parade for 4th of July. Sandi Booth talked about ordinances and that she had contacted other towns regarding their parades. Sandi Booth has contacted the excise people and they are willing to help monitor the parade. After lengthy discussion, it was determined that guidelines must be set and adhered to.

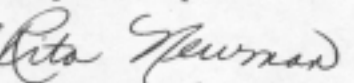
Linda Hodges asked Chief Lane about a statement in the newspaper regarding Chief Lane's statement that right now we have a shortage of policemen. This was in regard to putting someone in the drug unit and this is a long-term committment, about 2 years. Right now the department does not have the ability to release someone for that long of a committment.

Sandi Booth said she really enjoyed riding with Eric Moore and would recommend everyone do this.

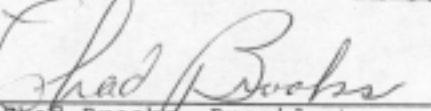
Pauline Poparad asked about the status of the Cost Recovery Corporation. President Brooks said the Commissioners are just waiting to see if anyone else will implement this program. It is not a dead issue.

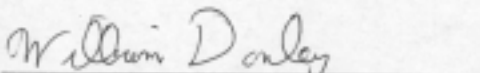
Linda Hodges asked about the status of the Explorer Post. Chief Lane needs two more adults for the program. Linda Hodges will be one of the adults helping.
Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

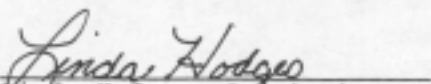
Respectfully submitted,


Rita Newman, secretary

Minutes approved this 12 day of May, 2004


Chad Brooks, President


William Donley, Vice-President


Linda Hodges, Commissioner