

PORTER METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION

Minutes

May 15, 2009

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

Pisowicz made a motion to accept the April 21, 2009 minutes. Snyder seconded. Minutes approved.

Under Monthly Reports, Spanier noted there is more activity as it gets warmer. Spanier also gave an update on their antenna. A neighbor did file a notice that his frequency and the town's frequency are very close. It should take only a couple weeks to straighten this out.

Under Old Business, it was agreed by Pisowicz and Snyder that it was a great success. It is hoped to do this again next year.

Under New Business, Lt. John Lane presented a request to buy back his pension for eight years and also for one year or less for officers Todd Allen and Joe Torok. Full transcript of Lt. Lane's request is on tape file at the department. Snyder made a motion that this request be forwarded to the Town Council without a recommendation. Pisowicz seconded. Motion carried.

Spanier stated that the department is getting closer on the new software and it is the same as Burns Harbor, County and Valpo so this will help with communications.

Resident Jennifer Klug asked if the department would consider mounting a child restraint program to encourage proper safety seats and proper seatbelt use. Spanier said they could definitely look into it.

Liaison Granat thanked Todd Allen, John Lane and Jason Casbon for their handling of the bike rodeo. They did a great job. About 25-30 children attended. Spanier noted that Granat brought up the idea of a bike rodeo last fall. Granat will also see that Lane is on the next Town Council agenda.

Pisowicz brought up a concern from a resident that when they call the station the dispatcher doesn't give their name but the caller has to. The resident feels it's polite to identify yourself.

Meeting adjourned 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Newman, secretary