

PORTER POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

September 8, 2004

The Porter Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Chad Brooks, President; William Donley, Vice-President; Linda Hodges, Commissioner; Police Chief John Lane and Sandy Boothe, liaison for Porter Town Council.

Linda Hodges moved to accept the August 11, 2004 minutes. William Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Lane presented the August monthly department report showing a total of 729 incidents as opposed to 592 last month. Vehicle mileage is holding with off-duty usage 10% of total.

Chief Lane presented a list of three police officer applications. The three are Lynn Steimel from Valparaiso who is a retired career fireman; Paul McKamey is a full time CSX railroad police officer and lives in Kouts and Jerame Simpson employed with the Valparaiso University Police Department. Linda Hodges made a motion to accept these individuals for hiring. William Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Lane submitted 5 applicants names for police dispatcher and has two more not on the list. The five applicants are Carol Barnett, Terri Birky, Jamalyn Bogan, Pricilla Lira and Lisa Miller. William Donley made a motion to accept these applicants. Linda Hodges seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Regarding the request for stop signs at Babcock and Verplank roads, Chief Lane reported he reviewed and monitored traffic passing through this intersection. He contacted Chief Price of the Burns Harbor Police Department and they agree that a first step is to paint a centerline at this intersection. The use of stop signs is not within the criteria established by the Indiana Uniform Traffic Control Device Manual. William Donley made a motion that the Commission follow the advice of both Police Chiefs and put a center line on the road. Chad Brooks seconded. Motion carried 2-1.

Regarding the Alarm System Ordinance the Commission said it is not in a position to make any suggestions so it will be placed on next month's agenda.

Chief Lane also reported on a robbery in Chesterton where an alert citizen followed the car into Gary all the while in contact with police. Perpetrators were apprehended.

In reporting on Explorer Post, Chief Lane said about 75 children were fingerprinted at the Taste of Porter. Also gun locks were given out. There are more gun locks available at the Police Station.

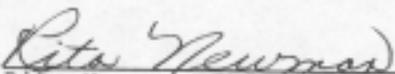
Regarding the curfew, Chief Lane is awaiting information on modified curfew. Also Chief Lane reported a woman in town had been informed she had won Publisher's Clearing House and needed only to give her bank number. Then she got a call regarding her credit card, not once, but twice, and that it could be cleared up once she gave her number out. Chief Lane warned no one to give any information to callers.

There was no Old Business or New Business

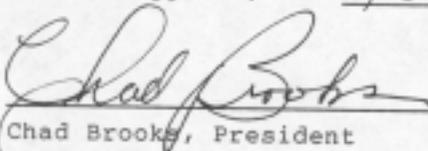
Under Audience Participation Karen Pizewicz asked about vacation time for officers. Both Sandy Boothe and Paul Childress had questions.

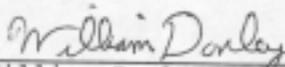
Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

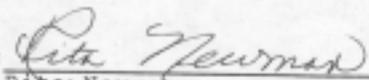

Rita Newman, Secretary

Minutes approved this 13 day of Oct, 2004


Chad Brooks, President


William Donley, Vice-President


Linda Hodges, Commissioner

Attest: 
Rita Newman