

October 13, 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.

William Donley made a motion to accept the September 8, 2004 minutes with the correction noted by Linda Hodges of the spelling of Karen Pisowicz's name. Linda Hodges seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

During Chief Lane's comments on monthly reports, William Donley asked if bicycles have to obey same rules as automobiles. Answer is yes. Linda Hodges made a motion to accept the September report. William Donley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Regarding a Software Contract, Chief Lane reported checking with several companies and found that the packages were virtually alike with one or two components being a little different. Credit money will be used. ~~CREDIT~~ After discussion, Linda Hodges made a motion to refer these findings back to the Town Council. William Donley seconded. Carried 3-0.

It was agreed the Curfew Ordinance be put on next month's agenda.

Chief Lane reported that Officer Casbon and his wife had a new baby boy, Gunnar. Chief Lane also gave a letter to the Commissioners from James Bonfield, Director of Transportation, Duneland School Corporation regarding an incident with two stopped school busses and a semi truck on Waverly Road. The letter commends Officer Casbon for alerting the Indiana State Police Motor Carrier Division who ordered the truck taken "Out of Service". This letter will be placed in Officer Casbon's personnel file.

Regarding General Order 3, Chief Lane read Addition 3.3 Use of Tasers. He stated 3 officers have had training and actually have experienced the Taser. Tasers cost \$800 each with cartridges running \$21. He would like to have every officer trained. Training is at the Sheriff's Department. An officer's first defense is pepper spray, then Taser, then gun. These additions to General Order 3 are used by County and have been approved by their lawyer who is also ours. William Donley made a motion that we accept additions to General Order 3. With reservations, Linda Hodges seconded. Carried 3-0. Chief Lane noted that First State Bank of Porter will donate a Taser. A thank you letter will be sent to Mr. Ruge signed by Chief Lane and the Commissioners.

Mr. Brooks reported that the Porter Town Council has designated Saturday, October 30, 4-6 p.m. for Trick or Treat rather than Sunday, October 31.

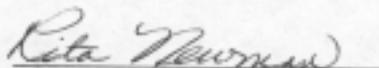
Regarding Explorer Post activity, the Bike Training Patrol Officer from Hobart Police Department attended two Explorer meetings and spent about 6 hours on training, which has been completed. The Explorers have been invited to help with parking for the Iron Horse Hike at Potato Creek State Park this Saturday. Mr. Brooks stated how well he thought the Explorers did on their bike training.

Linda Hodges made a motion to put the Alarm Ordinance on the agenda under Old Business. William Donley seconded. Carried 3-0. Mr. Donley made a motion that the Commissioners recommend to the Porter Town Council the adoption of this Alarm Ordinance. Linda Hodges seconded but would like to have something about new installations. Chief Lane will add a 30-day grace period for new installations in the ordinance. Carried 3-0.

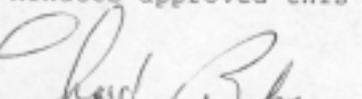
Under New Business, Sandy Boothe would like the Commissioners to review a memo she sent regarding procedures to be followed regarding new hires. After discussion, Linda Hodges made a motion to call an Executive Session to discuss this in private. William Donley seconded. Motion carried 2-1. An Executive Session will be set for October 19, 2004, 5:30 p.m. at the Porter Town Hall.

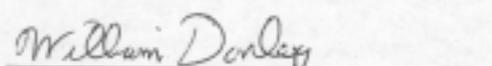
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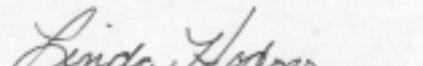
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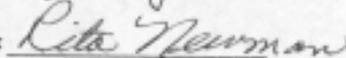

Rita Newman, Secretary

Minutes approved this 10 day of Nov, 2004


Chad Brooks, President


William Donley, Vice-President


Linda Hodges, Commissioner

Attest: 
Rita Newman