

MARCH 15, 2008
PROTECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the Protection Committee the official minutes will be on file at the police department.

APPROVED: _____

Call to Order: The Protection Committee was called to order by President Pollitt at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 15, 2008

Roll Call: Present were President Pollett, Allen, Van Dyke, Dymek and Spadoni. Teale arrived at 9:05 A.M.

Also Present were, Trustee O'Connell, Police Chief Olson, EMS and Fire Chief Kemmett.

MOTION request to adjourn to Closed Session by President Pollitt authorized Chapter 19.85(1) (c).
MOTION by Allen / 2nd Van Dyke. .

Adjourn To Closed Session – Protection Committee Chairman Pollitt authorized under Chapter 19.85(1)(c) – Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried

1. Pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,” specifically, Fire Department applicant..
2. Protection Committee to Reconvene To Open Session immediately thereafter or at the next regularly scheduled Protection Committee meeting without further notice and pursuant to any and all properly noticed agenda for the purpose of voting upon or taking action on the above said items(s) or any other subject disclosed by the agenda for the Protection Committee meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session at 9:15 A.M.

OPEN SESSION

Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2008: MOTION Teale / 2nd Allen to approve minutes of February 16, 2008. Motion Carried

Visitors Heard: None

General Business:

Date of April Protection Committee meeting set for April 19, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.

NEV Update: (Neighborhood Electric Vehicles) Following a review with Administrator Hayden-Staggs, Chief Olson submitted a copy of an ordinance permitting and regulating NEV within the Village of Fontana .

Following discussion, Dymek made the suggestion the Ordinance would be approved by the Protection Committee with one modification. That modification being; “Headlights must be on at all times during operation of the vehicle”.

***MOTION by Teale / 2nd Allen to adopt the ordinance and send it to the Village Board for approval. with the modification that states; “headlights must be on at all times during operation of the vehicle”. Motion Carried.

Third Avenue Winter Parking Waiver: Request was made by James and Carroll Whowell asking for a winter parking waiver for the hours between 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. Discussion followed. It was determined that this exception would be precedent setting. The committee recommendation was to deny the request for exemption.. A letter will be drafted by Chief Olson to Jamie and Carroll Whowell informing them of the committee decision..

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Chief Kemmett)

Village Ordinance for Fire Department: Chief Kemmett discussed the Fire Department Ordinance. Following discussion and recommendation for changes, MOTION Allen / 2nd Teale to table the ordinance for changes, until the April meeting. Motion Carried

MABAS Contract: Chief Kemmett said the contract for Wisconsin MABAS was signed and ready for the Village Board approval.

*** MOTION Teale / 2nd Van Dyke to refer the MABAS contract to the Village Board for approval and signature. Motion carried.

EMS REPORT (Chief Kemmett)

Chief Kemmett reported EMS has had 23 runs to date.

EMS had one new member join the department. The new member is Sarah Dunaj.

The dive boat is at the builders having the modifications made in agreement with loaning them the use of the boat at FDIC.

Six members of the dive team are now certified to ice dive.

Grant Approval: The “Fire Act Grant”, which used to only be open for fire departments, now allows EMS departments to apply for grants. Chief Kemmett is asking for approval to write a grant for radio communications equipment for the ambulance and possibly another radio like that one. The grant would also provide for portable radios and pagers for fire and EMS members. These would all be the same make and models. If the grant is applied for and accepted, the department would have to match 10% of the grant, at a cost of approximately \$3500.00. Chief Kemmett feels the fire and EMS departments could easily raise the 10% matching costs themselves.

The application deadline date is April 4, 2008, therefore a special meeting would have to be called for approval. President Pollitt asked Chief Kemmett to write up a brief description of the grant application for review at the Planning Commission meeting on March 31st for review and approval.

*** MOTION Pollitt / 2nd Van Dyke for a recommendation to the Village Board to approve the Fire Ax Grant application by the Fontana EMS.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT (Chief Olson)

Chief Olson submitted his Admin. report noting two of the police department vehicles are approaching the 100,000 mile marker and another hitting the 75,000 mile mark very soon.

Notification Report: Chief Olson reported Big Foot High School and the local grade school do not allow pagers or cell phones turned on in the classes. There are specific rules and regulations regarding cell phone use in the high school. Chief Kemmett said people can register their cell phones in the “Code Red” program done through the Walworth County Sheriff’s Department. He has put together some information that will be included in the next village newsletter.

Chief Olson said he received a request from a person asking for permission to bow fish for carp in the Abbey Harbor. Bow fishing is legal from a boat but a waiver may be needed if done from shore.

MOTION: Teale / 2nd Van Dyke to adjourn at 10:40 A.M.

*** Items for Village Board Action