

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
For JULY 18, 2013, 8:15 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 8:17 p.m.

Attendees: Maureen Roach, Al Reiling, John Atteberry, Mike Manint and Ken Bays

Clerk: Al Reiling served as secretary to take notes for this meeting

I. Approved previous meeting minutes: Motion 1) Ken Bays, 2) Al Reiling

II. Reports:

- Maureen reported on behalf of Randy Wilson that the Village does not qualify for grant money for a new Mobile Data Computer (MDC) for the squad car. Current MDC 27 is not operable. Ken commented that an in-car computer would not be a “must-have” to start. Discussed hand held option for running plates. A blackberry palm pilot would interface with LEADS for report writing or the dispatcher can run plates. Will put MDC on hold.
- Maureen reported that she contacted Dave Cobstill to obtain an estimate for replacing police car decals.

III. New Business

- A. Mike Manint from the Downs Fire Department was invited and attended the meeting. Maureen discussed interest in future collaborations with the Fire Department and holding future public safety meetings and including Village Trustees, Fire Department, School District, business owners and citizens. Also discussed the possibility of a mobile police officer sub-station housed within in the Fire Dept. as shared space. Mike would like to take the decision process slowly.
- B. Discussion ensued regarding the direction of the police department. Discussed the pros/cons for a police chief vs. county patrol. Need to determine short-term and long-term needs and what is best for the Village and its future growth. The committee looked at police department expenses including police salary, police car/maintenance, purchasing a new car, uniform costs, StarCom user fees, Compliance+LEADS information provided for Chief change, CAD updates for businesses and hired officers, supply costs, liability and legal counsel, training, LEAD certifications every 2 years; the overall costs for a Chief of Police may be greater than utilizing county officers. For further discussion.
- C. Al reported that Starcom user fee is \$100 per radio per year and will increase in 2014 to \$150 per radio per year.
- D. Ken suggested the committee develop a public safety survey to assess citizens’ views on having a community police officer or county coverage. Maureen asked that members develop potential survey questions and email them to her within a week. A survey could be sent via the newsletter and website. Maureen will present the survey idea to the trustees for consideration at the next Village Board meeting.

- E. Dan Kent with the IL Association of Chiefs of Police meets with Maureen on Monday, July 22, 11 a.m. at the Village Hall to assess the current safety status and organization of the Police Department. Dan will meet on a consulting basis and provide guidance for the Police Department re-organization. The committee discussed items to address with Dan such as baseline salary for a police chief, equipment/ resource needs, compliance, recordkeeping and retention.
- F. Maureen will contact Curt Hawk regarding NIMS training and compliance to ensure Trustees are compliant. NIMS compliance is required for future federal funding requests.
- G. Maureen gave an update on the Village Golf Cart Ordinance and need for new inspections. Discussed who could inspect: trustee or county officers. Will report back at the next meeting.
- H. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 8:15 p.m. Village Hall. Will revisit need to establish a regular meeting time at the next meeting.
- I. Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 p.m. Motions: 1) Ken Bays 2) John Atteberry

Police and Public Safety meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in serving on this committee can contact Maureen Roach, 378-1477 or email publicsafety@villageofdowns.org. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 8:15 p.m., Village Hall.