

Minutes of the meeting of the
South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Thursday, September 5, 2013

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order. Present: Trustee Joe Abbate, Trustee Steve Guranovich and Trustee De Serto-Cohen. Also present were Chief Mike Deegan, and Deputy Chief Ray Cordell.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2013 regular meeting and executive session as written. Seconded by Trustee Abbate, the motioned carried by voice vote.

AAIM Appreciation Certificates

The committee presented certificates of recognition from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) to Officers Marc Reznick and Scott Bialas for their commendable efforts at DUI enforcement. Officers Reznick and Bialas led the department in DUI enforcement in 2012. Each officer made 8 DUI arrests. Chief Deegan accepted the certificates on the officers' behalf as neither of them could make the meeting.

Radios

Chief stated that he has no new concerns about the radios. All SBPD radios are narrow-band compliant. They are programmed for interoperability. Chief Deegan is currently working with Willow Creek Church to bring them up to a frequency that we use so that in case of an emergency our officers can communicate with their security personnel.

In Car Video Cameras

Chief Deegan informed the committee of the need to upgrade the in-car video systems hardware and software. The vendor, L3 Mobile Video Systems, has announced that the current software that we are using, Flashback 1 and Flashback 2, will only be supported for a short time longer. The industry standard is a later generation, Flashback 3. There have been several improvements made with the Flashback 3 software that address the current problems we are experiencing including slow video uploads from the cars to the building and microphone audio failures. The new systems can be programmed to video-tape up to 20 seconds before the officer turns on lights and siren which may prove beneficial when a stop is contested. Chief Deegan highly recommended and requested permission to upgrade the in-car videos. He stated that the new software is more sophisticated in that it will automatically activate the video system in the event of a squad car crash, called "Crash Bat" system. A rear seat camera is also included which will improve security and safety.

Deputy Chief Cordell added that the in-car video is an excellent management tool for the department. All traffic stops are video-taped. Videos are reviewed at random as part of routine supervisory oversight and in the event of a complaint are checked to ensure officer compliance with department policy. Deputy Chief Cordell stated that in the vast majority of complaints, the video recording exonerates the officer of any wrong-doing. Further, recent case law revealed that if you have cameras in the squad and they do not work for whatever reason, the jury may infer that there are ulterior motives as to why they are not seeing the video.

47 The committee discussed the in-car video systems and reviewed the cost spreadsheet. Trustee
48 Abbate questioned why only one squad required a video monitor upgrade. Chief answered that
49 this monitor is the last of the old, stationary ones. The rest of the monitors have already been
50 upgraded to the swivel mount cameras. He also questioned the \$1000 fee to upgrade the new
51 server noting that the costs of computer servers has been coming down. The chief responded that
52 this for an actual new computer server as well as the software upgrade.

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54 Chief stated that the cost proposal includes rear seat cameras at a cost of approximately \$2000.
55 He stated that he has rethinking the necessity of the rear-seat cameras. He added that this is not a
56 budgeted item but plan to use monies from the DUI fund.

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58 Motion was made by Trustee Cohen to approve and recommend to the full Board of Trustees the
59 purchase the upgrade of the in-car video system. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich, the motion
60 carried by voice vote.

61 62 Police Commission Update

63 Chief Deegan updated the committee on the activity of the police commission. He stated that
64 they are starting the hiring process for part-time officers. An offer of full-time employment has
65 been made to a candidate on the current register but we will need additional candidates for future
66 hires. The notice will go out next week and the orientation and written exam will be offered on
67 October 26, 2013.

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69 The chief stated that Sergeant Mark Eaton has announced his retirement in February 14, 2014.
70 They will be putting together a sergeant's assessment center to create a new sergeant's list. The
71 current list has expired.

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73 Chief updated the committee on the IOD injuries and work status of Sergeant Parma and Officer
74 Rycraft.

75 76 Building Remodel

77 Chief Deegan updated the committee on the village hall remodeling progress. Pre-construction
78 meetings have started two weeks ago. He stated that the actual work will begin tomorrow. The
79 first portion of the project includes removing the roof from the garage. Police equipment stored
80 there has been moved to temporary storage pods. There was concern about placing the
81 ammunition bunker in the pod but were reassured that the wood floors in the pods have been
82 reinforced with steel.

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84 All squad cars will be parked in the back lot except during working hours when officers may
85 park in front when necessary.

86 87 **OLD BUSINESS**

88 Trustee Guranovich suggested revisiting the idea of forming a bike patrol unit in the police
89 department. Chief Deegan stated that he is cautious about this now because of the liability issues.
90 The police department has had four workman's comp claims this year, two that were significant.
91 Our workman's compensation insurance premium increased last year and is expected to increase
92 again next year.

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94 Deputy Chief Cordell stated that they could look at it but cannot train anyone until the
95 springtime. Chief Deegan agreed to revisit the idea of forming a bike patrol in the springtime.

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97 Trustee Abbate suggested changing the meeting times from evening to afternoons. No one had a
98 problem and agreed to schedule future meetings for 4 pm.

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100 Chief Deegan stated that Barrington Hills Police Department has graciously allowed our
101 department to use their facility to process arrestees. A resolution will be presented at the next
102 Village Board meeting to pass an intergovernmental agreement between the Villages regarding
103 police department facilities use by south Barrington while our building is undergoing renovation.

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105 NEW BUSINESS

106 There was no new business.

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108 There being no more business, Chairman Abbate called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee made
109 the motion; Trustee Cohen Guranovich seconded; carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned
110 at 7:55 pm.

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112 The minutes of the September 5, 2013 meeting were transcribed from audio recording.

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114 Respectfully submitted,
115 Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

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118 These minutes were accepted on _____, 2013.

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