

Minutes of the meeting of the
South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Monday, November 11, 2013

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:33 pm. Present: Trustee Joe Abbate, Trustee Steve Guranovich and Trustee De Serto-Cohen. Also present were Chief Mike Deegan, Deputy Chief Ray Cordell, and Trustee Bernard Kerman.

Trustee Cohen motioned to accept the minutes of the September 5, 2013 regular meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich, the motioned carried by voice vote.

Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET) program. Chief Deegan stated that there are several businesses in the Village who sell and serve alcohol and the Village has issued several liquor licenses, and that he wanted to share with committee members the notion of a training program for employees of establishments where alcohol is served or sold. The chief gave the floor to Deputy Chief Cordell to explain the BASSET program to trustees. Deputy Chief Cordell stated that he attended a train-the-trainer class and found it both educational and interesting. He stated that South Barrington is one of the few communities that does not require BASSET training for restaurant and bar employees. Both Barrington and Hoffman Estates require it. He stated that it was common sense and good practice.

The intended purpose of the BASSET program is to educate sellers and servers on the short and long-term effects of alcohol on individuals as well as businesses. It's goal is to provide insight and awareness to the issues of irresponsible sales and service of alcohol, and at the same time teaching the professional skills and techniques needed to properly identify problems and effectively intervene. Deputy Chief Cordell stated that the objective of the training is not only to train sellers and servers in the proper and legal alcohol sales and service but also to help stop sales to underage persons; to prevent DUIs and alcohol related accidents. Further, he stated, BASSET training promotes responsible business practices. He recommended that BASSET training, or some equivalent program, be required by the Village by ordinance.

Mr. Abbate asked who would do the training if it were required. Deputy Chief Cordell said that there are several venues for training: private classes, online training or even the Village could offer the class. BASSET is state of Illinois sponsored but not state mandated. The deputy chief suggested that the Village could charge a small fee to cover costs and make the training a condition for a business renewing its liquor license. The training could be renewable every two or three years. The deputy chief suggested that a survey be sent to all alcohol serving or selling establishments to find out if they send their staff members to any kind of alcohol training. This survey could be distributed as part of the Village's liquor license renewal packet that will be sent out this month.

Trustee Abbate asked the deputy chief if alcohol compliance checks have ever been done on any South Barrington establishments. Deputy Chief Cordell stated that Sgt. Lopez is currently organizing one. He will be using Hoffman Estates Police Cadets who are under the legal drinking age.

47 The committee considered the prospects of an alcohol training program. Before they recommend
48 to the full Board of Trustees that the Village ordinance be changed, trustees agreed to survey the
49 businesses in the Village to ascertain whether or not they have already received the training.
50 They directed the deputy chief to draft the survey for the mayor's approval and include it in the
51 village's liquor renewal packet.

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53 Dog Registration.

54 Chief Deegan stated that he has had a conversation with the mayor about dog complaints. The
55 mayor was concerned about the number of dogs who are not registered with the Village. Trustee
56 Cohen asked the chief what officers do with dogs that they find. The chief replied that they bring
57 them to Golf Rose Animal Shelter and sometimes issue a citation to the owner. The citation must
58 be paid before the dog can be released from the pound. The disadvantage of this is that the pound
59 will only hold animals for 1 week before they euthanize them. If more animals were tagged,
60 officers could return them directly to their owners.

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62 Chief Deegan stated that many residents do not know that the Village requires residents to
63 register their dogs. He suggested that maybe they should enlist the help of homeowner's
64 associations to help get the word out. The committee members agreed.

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66 Trustee Abbate asked about the fines given to residents for having a dog at large. The fine is
67 minimal. Committee members discussed the notion of raising the fine minimums from \$20 to
68 \$30. Trustee Guranovich motioned to recommend to the full Board of Trustees to direct legal
69 counsel to review the Village's Animal Control Act with the intention of raising the minimum
70 fine amounts. Seconded by Trustee Cohen, the motion carried by voice vote.

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72 Medical Marijuana.

73 Deputy Chief Cordell shared with committee members the information that he has gathered
74 regarding the *Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program*, new Illinois legislation
75 that becomes effective January 2014. Deputy Chief Cordell stated that there is concern among
76 law enforcement about the effect of this law particularly in the changes to the DUI laws. The bill
77 is poorly written –for example, there is no regulation on THC levels. The deputy chief stated that
78 the briefing he attended estimated that there will be over 500,000 users in the state who will
79 apply for a medical marijuana card. Sworn police officers will not be eligible to apply for the
80 card but their family members will.

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82 Committee members discussed the licensing process to grow marijuana. Deputy Chief Cordell
83 stated that a growing license can cost up to \$1 million. Village President McCombie expressed
84 concern that the Village will need an ordinance prohibiting marijuana growing within the Village
85 limits. She stated that she will talk to the village attorney about it so that the Public Safety
86 Committee need not take any action today.

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88 OLD BUSINESS

89 There was no old business.

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91 NEW BUSINESS

92 Chief Deegan updated the committee members on Police Commission activities. He stated that
93 they had 21 candidates pass the police entrance written exam and that they are currently finishing
94 up the background checks on each candidate. Once complete, the Police Commission will begin
95 interviewing candidates. The chief estimated that that will be within the next month.

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97 There being no more business, Chairman Abbate called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee
98 Guranovich made the motion; Trustee Cohen seconded; carried by voice vote. The meeting
99 adjourned at 5:56 pm.

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101 The minutes of the November 11, 2013 meeting were transcribed from audio recording.

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103 Respectfully submitted,
104 Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

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107 These minutes were accepted on 12/5/2013.

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