

Minutes of the meeting of the
South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Thursday, April 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Present: Trustee Joe Abbate and Trustee Steve Guranovich. Absent: Trustee Therese DeSerto-Cohen. A quorum was present. Also present were Chief Roman, Village President Paula McCombie, Trustee Anthony Stagno, Trustee Bernie Kerman, Trustee Hina Patel, Deputy Clerk Linda Hooker, Building Officer Mike Moreland, Village Engineer Natalie Karney and South Barrington Tennis Club Manager Jay Morgan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

With consensus of the Committee, Trustee Abbate moved the New Business agenda item, Discussion of Proposed Polo Event, to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate the guests at the meeting. He gave the floor to Mr. Jay Morgan from the South Barrington Club. Mr. Morgan briefed the Committee and guests on a request he received from the Barrington Hills Polo Club to host a polo match in Area C south of the soccer fields in Community Park. Mr. Morgan stated that there are about 12 acres of vacant land there. The request for use would be for the July 4th weekend and would last for about 5 hours. They expect about 500 spectators to attend the event. Concern was raised by several trustees about the cost to the Village for the event, parking and seating issues, whether this is a one-time event or will lead to a schedule of events, containment of the horses, noise and traffic in nearby neighborhoods, alcohol use in the park, etc. Mr. Morgan fielded questions but summarized that this meeting was informational only and that he wanted to inform the Village Trustees and get their input. He has not told the Barrington Hills Polo club anything other than they would consider it. Mr. Morgan stated that he would not agree to the match without the consent of the Village. Village President McCombie invited the homeowners residing in the Regency, the neighborhood most affected by the proposed polo match, to come to the May Board of Trustees meeting to express their opinions. Mr. Morgan thanked trustees for their time and left the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Village President McCombie informed trustees that the Nathan's Glen annexation options have been tabled for the time being.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Updates. Chief Roman updated the Committee on the following personnel:

1. Officer Enrique Palacios is doing well in field training.
2. Detective Puralewski is learning his new assignment in Investigations. We will give him some help (and training) by placing part-time officer Ken Lietz in Investigations part time. Officer Lietz is an experienced (retired) detective from Bellwood Police Department.

3. The Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) is forming a new task force “Officer Involved Death Investigation” that will conduct criminal investigations in the event that a sworn officer is involved in a death. MCAT has asked for Sgt. Haniszewski to join the task force.
4. Records Clerk Jeanine Warkenthien will be retiring in September 2016. Chief Roman is considering hiring two part-time clerks in lieu of one full-time clerk to replace her. He stated that his goal is to extend the office hours of the records office.

Vacation House Watch. Chief Roman distributed the revised Vacation Housewatch Form as discussed in previous meetings. The new form is more detailed than the old one and informs residents that housewatches will be conducted, workload permitting, up to once every other day. For long term housewatches—longer than 14 days—the residences will be inspected, workload permitting, up to once each week. Chief Roman plans to implement the new program on or about May 1.

The Committee discussed the new Housewatch program. Trustee Patel wondered why housewatches are not part of regular patrol. The chief explained that it could be “hit or miss” on regular patrol depending on the calls for service each day. A formal Housewatch program is more effective.

Community Survey. Chief Roman informed the committee that he is still working on the community survey and will present it when it is complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Mandatory Police Retirement. Chief Roman asked the Committee to review the ordinance that requires sworn police officers to retire at the age of 65. We currently have one part-time officer who will turn 65 in September and he has asked the chief if he may continue working. Part-time Officer Lietz and Chief Roman will also turn 65 within the next few years. Chief Roman suggested amending the ordinance to extend the retirement age on an annual basis at the discretion of the Village President. Both Trustees Abbate and Guranovich agreed and directed the chief to work with the village attorney on the language for the ordinance change.

Police Department Facebook Page. Chief Roman distributed a sample Facebook page for South Barrington Police Department. He asked for their opinions about it. He stated that many police departments have one and it could be useful for making police notifications and advertising events. Trustees agreed and directed the chief to proceed.

Reciprocal Reporting Agreement with Barrington School District. Chief Roman stated we have no written agreement with Barrington School District 220. Such agreements allow the police department and school district to share certain information between the two organizations. Chief Roman observed that things happen in the community that affect the school and things happen in the schools that affect the community. He is only interested in sharing information that deals with personal or public safety. Trustee Abbate stated that South Barrington has been considering this for years but has yet to sign an agreement. A concern is the privacy of our residents and sharing information on minor infractions that could have a long-lasting effect on a young person’s future. He said he would support the agreement if the shared information was limited to safety issues only. The chief distributed two sample agreements for trustees to review. Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to direct the chief to move ahead with a

reciprocal reporting agreement with Barrington School District 220. Motion carried by voice vote.

Powdered Alcohol. The committee discussed a proposed Naperville city ordinance that prohibits the possession and consumption of powdered alcohol. Chief Roman asked for guidance about what to do in South Barrington. The sale of powdered alcohol is already illegal in Illinois per state law but some communities are considering a local ordinance as well. The chief asked if he should just follow state law or proceed with an ordinance. President McCombie stated that she is hesitant to put additional control on something if most other communities are not doing the same thing. The item was tabled.

Narcan. Chief Roman stated that he would like to purchase heroin overdose antidote medication, commonly known as Narcan, and train officers on how to use it. In the event of a drug overdose, this antidote has proven to save lives. The chief stated that our EMS region does not approve of police officers administering Narcan (even though Illinois law directs that we use it). We have identified a private organization, Live4Lali, that can provide the medication as well as train our officers in its proper use. Trustee Patel, who is a medical doctor, agreed with the chief about the life-saving potential of Narcan, and supported the chief's recommendation to employ its use. Trustee Guranovich motioned to allow Chief Roman to work with the Live4Lali organization and our village attorney to procure Narcan and train officers in its application. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice vote.

"Stealth" Marked Squad Car. Before the meeting, trustees had a chance to view the "stealth" marked squad car parked outside of Rose Hall. The markings are camouflaged on this vehicle. Chief Roman stated that it will be a "special use" vehicle and used for things such as surveillance or DUI enforcement, etc.

Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

The April 21, 2016 minutes were accepted on _____, 2016.