

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2007

Trustee Butler called the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: Trustee Butler, Trustee Armstrong, and Mayor Hill.

Others in Attendance: Trustee Miosi (entered at 6:11 p.m.), Trustee Villa, Administrator Kilbane, and Chief Larsson. Other presence noted.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented by motion. Armstrong/Mayor

Minutes: The June 18, 2007 committee minutes were presented and reviewed; It was moved and seconded to approve with no changes or corrections. Armstrong/Mayor

Monthly reports: Monthly reports for May were reviewed, with no question or comment.

Feral Cats / Spay and /Stay Presentation:

Ms. Sandra Kooper, Executive Director of Spay & Stay, Gurnee, was present to speak to the Board relative to control of feral cat populations and the Spay and Stay program. She presented folders of factual information, and showed a video explaining how their program is run and what they do. She answered questions from the board after the DVD, and provided numbers for Round Lake Beach on registered caretakers and sterilized cats. She also discussed the medical care provided to the cat population, and the costs to RLB of animal control vs. the ultimate decrease in population of feral cats due to the TNR (trap, neuter, release) program. She would like to see the village become involved to promote and hold town meetings for responsible pet ownership and the importance of spay/neuter. Trustee Butler thanked her for the presentation, advised the information would be passed on to those Trustees not present this evening for review and subsequent further discussion at another time.

Community Programs Update:

Chief Larsson presented information on various community programs Officer Grace has been working on. The CFMH program information was in the Board's meeting package. National Night Out commences at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow evening, at the Lakefront, "1,000 Hot Dogs in a Night", and Chief gave an account of the planned activities, including a band, movie, K-9 demonstration, face painting, etc. He reported we will again attend the Vernon Hills Public Safety Display on September 8th and 9th. He discussed at more length the Community Action Team concept that has begun in Meadowgreen, a neighborhood watch-type program, and explained what a large difference it has made in reducing crime. All officers know they have a part in the program, and Chief complimented Grace on what a tremendous job he has done with CAT and the other programs, as well. The Department looks forward to expand the CAT concept into other neighborhoods.

Liquor License Request:

Mr. Sam Desai has requested consideration for a package liquor/alcohol served on premises license at 1425 Fairfield, a property he owns and plans to open into a bar/package goods/store. The village has no combination licenses that allow both serving and selling packaged liquors at the present time. Other tavern licenses do not allow package liquor sales. With minimal discussion, trustees and the mayor advised Mr. Desai they were not interested in expanding the number of liquor licenses at this time, but would advise him if something changed.

Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Thirteen letters recognizing Round Lake Beach police officers were received and copies reviewed. Those present extended their thanks as well.

Other - Miscellaneous:

None

Public Comment:

1. Sherry Meyer, 1327 Pinegrove, was present to speak in favor of Spay and Stay, as she knows someone who has a colony and has cared for the cats for several years. She stated it had made a large difference, and she hoped the Village supported the Spay and Stay program.
2. Debby Krueger, 1031 Edgewater, was present in support of Spay and Stay, and recognized that the efforts of the program paid off.
3. Jill Krueger, 1031 Edgewater, was present to advise that she felt the most important thing was the requirement the group and other adoption centers have requiring spaying and neutering, and felt that pet stores were remiss in not making the same requirements of the animals they sell.
4. Don Ruhl, 7 Wildwood, was present to discuss the absence of “no swimming” signs in the board dock area of the lakefront. He felt the absence of warning signs creates potential for someone to be hurt. Mayor Hill advised that there were signs previously, and agreed they should be displayed. He will see that they get posted.
5. Don Portzen, Round Lake Beach ESDA chairman, thanked Chief Larsson for his recent letter of support, and advised it boosted morale in the group. He discussed the possibility of ESDA group members distributing flyers at NNO advising they would like to present additional classes in Search & Rescue, and would like more people involved.

Adjournment: A motion by Trustee Armstrong, second by Mayor Hill, adjourned the Public Safety Committee Meeting of August 6, 2007 at 7:20 p.m.

Carol Wickersheim, Administrative Assistant

Date Approved