

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2007
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 7760 QUINCY STREET, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Chairman Dennis Baker, Trustee Bob Napoli and Chief Ed Konstany.

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – ACTION

The Committee approved the Minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on October 9, 2007.

1A. VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Chairman Baker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Napoli to recognize two residents, Gordon and Joan Wallace, 6239 Bentley Avenue, who wished to speak to the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Wallace presented documents to the Committee of correspondences between the Village of Willowbrook and himself regarding the closure of Bentley Street just north of 63rd Street. Mr. Wallace advised that he had issues with the Village of Willowbrook's report and would like the Public Safety Committee to consider placing a traffic control island at 63rd Street and Bentley Avenue.

Mr. Wallace explained that vehicles speed down Bentley Avenue. The study indicates an average speed of 27 mph in a posted 25 mph zone. He felt the speed plates were not properly placed, as vehicles did not have sufficient time to exceed the limit. He advised the plates were too close to the intersection. Cut-through traffic is routinely occurring to avoid the traffic light at 63rd Street and Clarendon Hills Road. This cut-through traffic includes school buses from Maerker School District.

The police seldom enforce the stop sign at 61st Street and Bentley Avenue. Traffic exiting s/b Bentley at 63rd Street is at risk and most recently there was a P.I. accident at 63rd Street and Bentley Avenue. Mr. Wallace is asking that the Public Safety Committee consider his request and assist him in obtaining a traffic control island to prohibit traffic from going onto E/B 63rd Street to N/B Bentley Avenue and from S/B Bentley Avenue to E/B 63rd Street.

Chief Konstany advised the Committee and Mr. Wallace of the following:

- ◆ The Village of Willowbrook has a procedure for analyzing these types of traffic complaints. This is a cooperative effort between the department and Municipal Services to determine a need and solution to the traffic complaint. Mr. Wallace made this traffic complaint and it was resolved on June 19, 2007.
- ◆ The study concluded that there is not a traffic problem at 63rd Street and Bentley Avenue. The cut-through traffic may have been a result of the road construction on Clarendon Hills Road, which is now completed.
- ◆ The speed limit and traffic volume is within engineering limits for that type of street (Bentley Avenue).
- ◆ There are only a few accidents a year on Bentley Avenue between the 6100 and 6300 blocks, none of which were fatalities.
- ◆ The Maerker School buses using Bentley Avenue are part of their regular scheduled routes.
- ◆ Based on the comprehensive study, analyzing all relevant traffic information, the Village of Willowbrook does not see any cause to recommend Mr. Wallace's request.

Trustee Baker requested that the department assign an officer to both stop sign and speed enforcement on Bentley Avenue. Mr. Wallace volunteered for squad cars to utilize his driveway for this enforcement. Trustee Baker also requested Chief Konstany to contact Maerker School District to confirm the bus route. Chief Konstany agreed to this recommendation.

Chief Konstany advised that he will respond to the Committee at the next Public Safety Committee meeting with actions and results of the selective enforcement and the contact made with Maerker School District.

2. REVIEW MONTHLY OFFENSE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2007

The Committee reviewed the monthly offense summary report for September 2007.

3. REVIEW WEEKLY PRESS RELEASES

The Committee reviewed the Weekly Press Releases.

4. REVIEW OVERTIME REPORT AND OVERTIME COMPARISON REPORTS FOR 09/24/07 TO 10/21/07

Chief Konstanty gave a summary of the overtime report for 09/24/07-10/21/07.

5. REVIEW DEPARTMENT LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

- A. Deputy Chief Francis Foley
Deputy Chief Mark Shelton
- B. Officer Lauren Kaspar
Officer Daniel Polfliet
Officer Scott Eisenbeis
Detective Christopher Drake
- C. Officer David Gaddis & K-9 Icha (3)
- D. Secretary Cynthia Stuchl (2)
Secretary Laurie Schmitz (2)

6. DISCUSSION ITEM

None reported.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.