

## **McCordsville Public Safety Committee-November 8, 2007**

Members Present: Jennifer Williams, chair, Chief Harold Rodgers, Major Paul Casey, and Becky Lottes

**Members Absent:** Jeff Silvey, Connie Malcomb, and Toby Slunaker

### **1. Call to order**

Jennifer Williams called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of the February 8, 2007 meeting minutes.**

Chief Rodgers motioned to approve the February 8, 2007 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Major Casey. Approved 4/0

### **3. Bay Creek Homeowner's Association- pool hours and parking enforcement.**

Greg Karte discussed several problems due to vandalism and parking issues that are against the Homeowner's Association Covenant. Mr. Karte states that several kids are not following the rules established and that another homeowner had been vandalized by eggs due to a confrontation with the kids. Chief Rodgers stated that vandalism is a misdemeanor charge and must be witnessed and filed with the prosecutor. In regards to enforcing other issues, such as parking and pool rules, Chief Rodgers stated that Indiana law Title 9 statute allows private entities to contract with municipalities to create an ordinance to enforce rules. Chief Rodgers stated that this would be problematic and not a cure. While the police can take care of disturbances, noise, and behavior problems they cannot enforce trespassing issues on public use property. Kim Wiengart stated that neighbors of hers had caught some of the kids on videotape vandalizing property. Holly Evers said that with Hancock Telecom could possibly get cameras that would watch the area better. The Committee suggested that the cheapest and best solution right now was to take the tape to small claims court and recoup the money lost due to the vandalism.

### **4. Development of a pay range for the Police Department**

Major Casey presented documentation regarding figures for the proposed salary range along with salary ordinances passed by Avon and Cumberland to show how a pay range was instituted into the ordinance. The salary range would benefit the Police of the Town by allowing a more competitive pay scale among different towns and allow raises by cost of living and performance reviews.

A motion was made by Chief Rodgers that this is given favorable review by the Public Safety Committee at the next Town Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Casey. Approved 4/0

### **5. Old Business**

Major Casey said that a review of the Town's retirement benefits were still going to be discussed but that at this time there were other issues that needed reviewed.

**6. New Business**

Chief Rodgers wrote an ordinance on the burning of items with in the town's incorporated limits. The Police Department has been receiving complaints on people burning items that it has become a nuisance to some neighbors. The Ordinance would only pose a fine against people who violate the order after a written warning is received. The fine would range from \$50 to \$250. In case that the Fire Department had to be called to put out the fire upon noncompliance an additional fee not to exceed \$2500 would be paid to the Fire Department for their services. The ordinance would still allow people to have barbecues, small fire pits and bonfires, but prohibit such burning to where damage could be caused to neighboring homeowners and public property.

A motion was made by Becky Lottes to recommend an ordinance prohibiting the burning of rubbish and other such contaminants with in the incorporated limits of the Town of McCordsville to the Town Council. The motion was seconded by Chief Rodgers. Approved 4/0.

Chief Rodgers informed the Committee that he was invited on October 15, 2007 by Agent Hutchinson, former Homeland Security Secretary, to attend the National Congress for Secure Communities and National Service Awards. The program, dated December 16, 17, and 18, 2007, will discuss information on establishing a public and private partnership for Public Safety. The Department of Homeland Security and FEMA do not send help for disaster areas for at least 72 hours.

**7. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Williams and seconded by Chief Rodgers.