

GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD

February 12, 2015

The Griffith Safety Board was called to order by Chairman Goral at 7:00 p.m.

Those in Attendance

Liz Goral	Griffith Safety Board Chairperson
John Volkmann	Griffith Safety Board Vice-Chairman
RoAnn Purgert	Griffith Safety Board Secretary
Jim Marker	Griffith Safety Board Member
Gary Sutton	Griffith Safety Board Member
Glen Gaby	Town Council Liaison
Greg Mance	Police Chief
Roy Schoon	Fire Department

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance. The following items were discussed:

Approval of January 8, 2014 minutes: Motion Safety Board Member Sutton
2nd Safety Board Member Marker
Motion carried 5-0

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Police Chief Mance read the monthly report for January.

Crime had a slight increase for January 2015 compared to January 2014. Assaults dropped but theft and overall crime saw an increase.

Safety Board Chairperson, Goral, on behalf of the Safety Board wanted to recognize the officers who helped to defuse the incident at the Griffith High School basketball game. The Safety Board is grateful for officer's quick response and professionalism during a very volatile situation. Officers Carney and Lazic were working security at the basketball game and responding officers Sergeant Bottiger, Detective Martin, Corporal Herrmann, Corporal Gutierrez, Officer Hemphill and Officer Borgetti. Safety Board Member Sutton seconded this recognition and commented that these officers represent our community well.

Griffith Fire Department

Chief Schoon read the January monthly report.

Smoke and CO detectors have been received. Chief Schoon believes that the town website as well as department Facebook page will inform the public of the availability to those in need.

The specifications are complete for the new rescue pumper.

Background checks are complete for new hires with primary interviews scheduled for Monday (2/16/15) and the agility test for the following Saturday (2/21/15).

VEST

Chief Czerwinski read the monthly reports for January.

VEST currently has nine members with one interview pending.

FOP Post 161

Nothing at this time

No Old Business

New Business

Swearing in of new Police Officers Keith Hojnicky #73 & Anthony Sekula #74

Appointment of Lt Matt Argadine & Lt Jeff Gang to Commander positions

Appointment of Sergeant Matt Moore to Patrol Lieutenant

Police Department Perfect Attendance Awards

David Borgetti
Lisa Burrow
Robert Carney
Edward Dabrowski
Jason Gary
Peter Christ
Robert Gutierrez
Christopher Herrmann
Dalibor Lazic
Linnea Maloian
Gregory Mance
Jacob Schoon
James Sibley
Kevin Strbiak

Fire Department Commendation – James Sopher

Griffith Fire Department received and email from Hammond resident, Stan Burczyk. Mr. Burczyk explained how he was stuck in a snow bank on February 4, 2015 and Firefighter Sopher stopped to help him. On behalf of the Fire Department, Chief Schoon presented Firefighter Sopher a certificate of Commendation.

Fire Department Truck Specs – Approval to advertise

Safety Board Member Sutton made a motion to forward the specifications for this truck as presented to us by Chief Schoon to the Town Council for approval. Seconded by Safety Board Secretary Purgert. Motion carried 5-0.

Announcements

Fire Department Auxiliary Chairman, Bernadette Cope, reported that the 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off will be held on April 11, 2015 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the north fire station. Tickets are available from any auxiliary member or fire fighter.

Questions/comments from the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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