

GRIFFITH SAFETY BOARD

September 11, 2014

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

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

Chief Mance spoke about fallen Merrillville Police Officer Nicholas Schultz. In honor of Officer Schultz and remembrance of the 2,977 victims of the 9/11 attacks and in particular of the 431 fire fighters, 2 paramedics, 8 EMT's, 60 police officers and 3 court officers died trying to save others a moment of silence was observed followed by a prayer by Sgt. Starceovich.

Approval of July 10, 2014 minutes: Motion by Gary Sutton
2nd by John Volkmann
Motion passed 3-0

Reports: Griffith Police Department

Chief Mance read the monthly reports for August 2014.

There was a decrease in crime by 11% for August 2014 compared to August 2013 and over the last four years crime fell for the month of August by 27%

Griffith Fire Department

Chief Schoon read the August monthly reports.

VEST

Mike Czerwinski reported that the VEST building remodel by Two Uncles Construction is more than halfway done and will wrap up some time next week. The VEST building furnace and ac unit broke down. The unit is more than 20 years old and after having it looked at it was determined that a replacement is in order. We have received two bids. T & M Mechanical bid came in at \$3,350.00 and Centsible gave a price of \$5,000.00. T & M Mechanical will be completing the replacement and will start the replacement tomorrow.

FOP Post 161

Nothing at this time.

Old Business

Modification of PD SOP promotion policy regarding seniority – still under review pending legal counsel.

New Business

Swearing in of V.E.S.T. Officer Wayne Johnson

Postponed to the October meeting

Recognition ceremony for the Lake Suburban Police Explorers

Police Chief Mance and board member Sutton recognized the members of the Lake Suburban Police Explorers Post 2207 for their support and participation with 800 hours of volunteerism between Highland and Griffith.

GPD Conditional Offer of Employment

Board member Sutton made the motion to grant permission to Chief Mance to begin the process of offering conditional offer of employment to the next two candidates on the eligibility list. Board Vice-Chairman Volkmann 2nd this motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Announcements

Corporal Tony Morris Retirement with his last day to be September 21, 2014. He has worked for the Griffith Police Department for 15 years and prior to that was on the Gary Police Department for five years. Over the last two years he spearheaded the Neighborhood Watch Program. He will be working with the Indiana Gaming Commission in the future.

Public Safety and Community Day, Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Central Park from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Questions/comments from the floor.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

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