

Minutes of Committee
Monday, June 8, 2009
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 2) Bensenville FPD #1- Status Update
- 3) Discussion: Red Light Photo Enforcement
- 1) Skunks
- 4) Other Business
 - a. Radio Alarm Update
 - b. One Room School House

Members Present: Wagner, Nybo, and Pezza

Elected Official Present: Spencer, Bram (Item 1), Sheer (Item 2), DiCianni (Items 1, 3, 4)

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp, Borchert (Items 1, 3, 4), Panico

Guest: None

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

The Chairman moved Item 1 of the agenda to allow Alderman Bram to be present for the discussion.

2. Chief Kopp addressed the Committee providing historical review and the current status of Bensenville FPD #1. He further explained the two options residents of the area will be asked to vote on; to be annexed or to establish a special service area to levy a property tax annually to pay the City of Elmhurst for fire protection services. Subsequent to further discussion, Staff will advise the Committee on further developments.
3. Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee providing an overview of the Police Department's traffic enforcement efforts and explanation of the traffic ticket process and how it differs from a ticket issued from a Red Light Camera. He then referred to the literature provided to the Committee regarding Red Light Cameras. The literature consisted of newspaper articles, an executive summary from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

During further discussion, Chief Neubauer responded to questions from the Committee and Alderman Shea. He advised that the Police Department would have to work with the City Engineering Department and a traffic consultant to conduct an analysis of potential intersections that would warrant Red Light Camera enforcement. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee acknowledged that the purpose of Red Light Camera enforcement is traffic safety. The Committee directed Staff to review potential intersections that may meet the requirement and if any were identified, to report back to the Committee. If none could be identified, the matter would be closed at this time.

1. Alderman Bram addressed the Committee providing them an overview of the reason and purpose of the original request to the Committee. Chief Neubauer and Deputy Chief Panico reviewed and provided explanation of animal control services currently provided to the Community and the results of a survey the Committee requested in April 2009 of four (4) comparable communities in DuPage County. The detailed results of the survey of Addison, Lombard, Villa Park and Wheaton were contained in a memo to the Committee. The sum and substance of the results demonstrated that the animal control services provided by the City of Elmhurst surpass those communities surveyed. Also provided to the Committee were copies of the Front Porch article that appears each Spring. The Police Departments Animal Control web page, contains additional website links, and the revised Animal Management brochure. All contain information on wild life management, prevention tips and techniques for residents. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee directed Staff to provide copies of the materials given to the Committee to the remaining Council members for the next council meeting.

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4. a) Chief Kopp provided the Committee with an update regarding the “Radio Alarm” R.F.P.

- b) Borchert advised the Committee that the oversight of the Historical Museum’s operation is the responsibility of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee. However, Currently due to construction projects at the “One Room School House” it is the responsibility of the Public Works and Building Committee. Upon completion of the construction it will return to PA&S Committee.

The Committee was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief