

**POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2011**

1. Call to Order

Chairman McIvor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Darien City Hall.

Committee members in attendance: Alderman Poteraske and Aldermen Joerg Seifert (Alderman Seifert arrived with Mr. Vana at about 6:04pm during Item 4a).

Elected Officials in attendance: Treasurer, Mike Coren, Mayor Kathleen Weaver

Staff members in attendance: Chief Robert Pavelchik, Deputy Chief John Cooper, Officer Nick Skweres, Officer William Greenberg, City Administrator Bryon Vana (arrived with Alderman Seifert at about 6:04pm during Item 4a).

Guest/Residents in attendance: Mr. John Gonczy, 2228 Donegal Drive, Darien; Jim Tikalsky, 8301 Woodland Drive, Darien.

2. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Poteraske made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2011 Police Committee meeting; Chairman McIvor seconded the motion. Motion approved by a voice vote of 2 ayes.

3. Communications

There were no communications presented.

4. Old Business

a. DU-COMM Dispatch Services

Alderman Poteraske has previously asked for an update on the switch of dispatch services to DU-COMM. (Alderman Seifert and Administrator Vana joined the meeting). Chief Pavelchik indicated that the switch to DU-COMM occurred on April 26 and that so far things were relatively smooth. Officer Greenberg commented that there was an ongoing learning curve of new radio and call procedures. Administrator Vana reminded the Committee of the cost savings of the dispatch switch which included the elimination of any future expensive capital purchases. Chairman McIvor would like the Committee updated at future meetings.

5. New Business

a. Agenda Memo Ammunition Purchase

Alderman Poteraske made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the expenditure of budgeted funds for the ammunition purchase as outlined in the agenda memo (\$6,540.00 line item 40-4217, from Ray O'Herron Company). Motion approved by voice vote of 3 ayes.

b. Agenda Memo DU-COMM Invoice Payment

Alderman Poteraske made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the expenditure of budgeted funds for the first quarter payment to DU-COMM for dispatch services

as outlined in the agenda memo (\$89,110 from line item 40-4325). Motion approved by voice vote of 3 ayes.

c. Agenda Memo Police Fleet Order

Chief Pavelchik requested the Committee and Council's approval to order police squad cars. The Chief provided a [backup memo](#) that supported the agenda memo; Chairman read the Chief's memo to the Committee and audience. Treasurer Coren updated new Alderman Seifert to the budget committee discussion on the police fleet issue that led to the fleet project being budgeted for. Alderman Poteraske questioned if the budget number in the FYE12 budget would hold with either vehicle (Tahoe PPV or Crown Victoria). Deputy Chief Cooper explained the differences in the Tahoe PPV vehicle as compared to a regular SUV vehicle and also indicated that fleet projections show the Tahoe as higher resale. In response to Chairman McIvor's question, Cooper indicated that our current fleet is averaging over 100,000 miles.

Jim Tikalsky spoke in support of the Chevy Tahoe PPV for squad cars. He indicated that he regularly reads car research materials that give high praise to this car. He also commented that engine hours should be considered, not mileage. Tikalsky opined that the new Tahoes are the better technology for the future.

(At about 6:30pm, the Committee, Staff and audience left the council room and went into the parking lot to examine a Chevy Tahoe PPV squad car from the Westmont Police Department. The Committee, Staff and audience returned to the council room at about 6:40 pm.)

The Committee continued their discussion with Chairman McIvor indicating that there appears to be three options before the Committee: option 1 is the recommended Chevy Tahoe, option 2 is to go with the Ford Crown Victoria that might be available, option 3 is wait one year and stretch the fleet. The Chairman asked Alderman Seifert for his feedback on this issue. Alderman Seifert indicated that he would abstain from any vote today and thought the full council should address the issue. Alderman Poteraske said he favors the staff recommendation of the Tahoes and to do the fleet now. Chairman McIvor asked for any other input; the Mayor then asked Alderman Seifert why he said he would abstain on this issue? Alderman Seifert answered that he did not feel that he had enough background today to vote today.

Chairman McIvor opined that we should not wait on the fleet and that the price differential is offset by the better warranty of the Tahoes; the issue will be on "New Business" before the Council.

Alderman Poteraske made a motion to recommend Council approval of the purchase of the 10 Chevy Tahoe PPV and the 3 other vehicles (13 total) for the police fleet. The vehicles, equipment and installation pricing will be brought to the full Council as a "New Business" item for further discussion. Chairman McIvor seconded the motion; Alderman Seifert abstained from voting. Motion carried by voice vote of 2 ayes, one abstention. Chairman McIvor furthered that a full report on the fleet should be brought to the Council meeting and discussed so that the public is aware of the fleet situation and the plan going forward. Chief Pavelchik asked for clarification on what issue is coming back to the Council. The fleet project will be brought to the full Council in its' component parts for discussion as new business.

6. Department Report

a. Overview of Monthly Statistics

Chief Pavelchik gave the Committee a quarterly report on police staffing that was prepared by D/C Skala. ([REPORT](#)) The report shows three shifts of the “schedule 5 work with 4 plan” and the impact on overtime and coverage. Nominal stacking occurred, 3 instances in the 3rd shift. The net savings on overtime to date (three completed police shifts) is approximately \$14,700.

b. Smart 9-1-1

Officer Skweres gave a presentation on Smart 9-1-1, a 9-1-1 data collection service that the DuPage County Emergency Telephone Services Board (ETSB) has subscribed to. Smart 9-1-1 gives residents the opportunity to add important information about their homes and families that first responders can then access when 9-1-1 is called. The Committee did not want to give a formal Darien approval to this service since it is with an outside contractor to the ETSB but asked that the information be made public so that the residents can decide to participate. Mr. Gonczy asked if the Smart 9-1-1 information was triggered on all phone numbers listed; the answer yes, it is. Officer Skweres will make a presentation at the next Council meeting on Smart 9-1-1.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment other than comments made during the individual items’ discussion.

8. Next Meeting Date

Chairman McIvor announced that the next Committee meeting will be on Thursday, June 2, 2011, 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

10. Adjournment

The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m., motion by Alderman Poteraske, second by Alderman Seifert; motion carried by voice vote of three ayes.

Minutes Submitted by: Chief Robert Pavelchik

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
Joerg Seifert

Chairman: _____
Sylvia McIvor

Alderman: _____
John Poteraske