

Village of Harveysburg

Police Committee

April 11, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Members Present:

- Kim Herberth -- Chairwoman
- Charles Juniel
- Mark Tipton
- Leroy Sanders
- Richard Pottenger – Police Chief

Absent:

- Mayor Richard Verga

Village Staff Present:

- Phil Trovillo – Chairman, Streets & Buildings
- Heather Matuszak – Clerk of Council
- Mary Wilkie – Village Fiscal Officer
- Devon Cruse – Harveysburg Police Officer

Visitors / Guests:

- Rob Camp – Harveysburg Resident
- Charles Camp – Harveysburg Resident

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*This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Police Committee held April 11, 2022, at 6:30 PM.
Upon request, a recording of the meeting is available for review.*
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Chairwoman Kim Herberth called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Roll Call: Sanders, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel, Pottenger

Motion made by Mr. Juniel to excuse Mayor Verga. Second by Mr. Sanders. Vote – Sanders, Herberth, Pottenger, Juniel, Tipton – Aye, Nay – None. Motion passed.

Committee takes a moment to review March 14, 2022 Police Committee Minutes.

Motion made by Ms. Herberth to approve March 14, 2022 Police Committee Minutes. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Sanders, Herberth, Pottenger, Juniel, Tipton – Aye, Nay – None. Motion passed.

Harveysburg PD report: Chief Pottenger

Chief Pottenger begins his report:

-All vehicles received oil changes. Vehicle #1 had the brakes replaced.

-Officers still citing speeds over 70mph on SR73. There have been approximately 90 citations written in March.

-TASER training is planned for officers that need certified. LIDAR training will be scheduled for all officers for traffic stops. Officers are continuing online OPOTA training.

-We need to adopt the Ohio Basic Code for 2022.

-Wright is still on injury leave. Chief Pottenger states Mr. Wright has been notified he is not to identify himself as a police officer or act in the capacity of a police officer while on leave.

-HPD performed a prison transport to and from Lancaster to attend Warren County courts. The sentence on charges was 3 days concurrent with the inmate's current sentence.

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Chief Pottenger presents a Public Safety Response of HPD Officers in regard to responding to fire calls during their scheduled police shift.

Chief Pottenger states a door was kicked in on South St. earlier today (4/11/22). The owners were not able to identify any missing items. HPD has canvassed the neighborhood and asked about RING doorbells, but they have not been able to find any information.

Chief Pottenger reports that some Harveysburg residents, including the Mayor, have been receiving scammer calls from someone wanting checks to be written to them. They normally only call one time but have called the Mayor many times. He states he researched the number and found that the call originated from the U.S. He is going to contact the Attorney General's Office and see if there are further steps we can take to locate the scammer.

Ms. Herberth states she can make a post on Facebook notifying residents of the scam calls.

Mr. Tipton about putting the old computers from the cruisers on GovDeals. Since they are a ruggedized PC they should hold some value.

Chief Pottenger states that we would most likely not be able to sell them as is to another police department due to them being outdated. We can pull the hard drives and sell them.

Mr. Tipton asks if we have received the vests back from the officers who resigned. Chief Pottenger states he has received the vest from Mr. Zeigert and Mr. Fields will be returning his in the next week.

Mr. Tipton states we will need to address the manpower being used during the Renaissance Festival. He shows an excel spreadsheet on the screen. In 2021, the Renaissance Festival was held on 19 days and we spent approximately 500 hours covering this detail. He states this is an issue when we factor in the cruiser fuel and maintenance. Only 3 total citations were written during festival days. Mr. Ashcraft does pay for our officers to cover the detail.

Mr. Tipton states we also need to address Bike Night. In 2021, Bike Night was held on 18 days. There were 55 citations written during these days and only 6 were written after 5pm. We receive complaints about the noise on bike night.

Motion made by Mr. Juniel to adjourn at 6:52pm. Second by Ms. Herberth. All Aye.

Attest:

Heather Matuszak, Clerk of Council

Mayor Richard Verga

Kim Herberth, Chairwoman of Police Committee

Mark Tipton, Member Police Committee

Charles Juniel, Member Police Committee

Richard Pottenger, Police Chief