

Village of Harveysburg

Police Committee

June 13, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Members Present:

- Kim Herberth – Chairwoman
- Mayor Richard Verga
- Charles Juniel
- Mark Tipton
- Richard Pottenger – Police Chief

Absent:

- Leroy Sanders

Village Staff Present:

- Heather Matuszak – Clerk of Council

Visitors / Guests:

- Charles Camp – Harveysburg Resident

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*This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Police Committee held June 13, 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 6:31pm.

Roll Call: Herberth, Tipton, Juniel, Pottenger, Mayor Verga

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

Committee takes a moment to review April 11, 2022 Police Committee Minutes.

Motion made by Ms. Herberth to approve April 11, 2022 Police Committee Minutes. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Herberth, Pottenger, Juniel, Tipton – Aye, Nay – None. Motion passed.

Harveysburg PD report: Chief Pottenger

Chief Pottenger begins his report:

-All vehicles are running well with oil changes scheduled by the end of the month

-Upcoming town events: Fishing Derby, Celtic Festival and Village Garage Sales

-Still citing speeds over 70mph on SR 73, several stops occurring in the main part of the Village

-2 minor misdemeanor charges for drugs passing through the Village

-Grants approved for 2 new in vehicle cameras, install of cameras, computer for download of cameras and taser information. Copy of grant for review will be left after meeting with Mary for records. Our cost is \$2,966.25 and OCJS funds will cover \$8,898.75.

-We will keep the cruiser video for 90 days providing nothing has been subpoenaed. If a subpoena is received a supervisor will download the video for the court.

-2 personnel still on leave

-3 backgrounds underway

-Orders were given to move vehicles off the sidewalk on South St.; Mutual aid request for drowning at Ceasar's Creek, a valiant effort by Officer Cruse to save the victim by performing CPR for 20 minutes on a pontoon boat until additional help arrived; Several other mutual aid requests by the Park District; Collected Village property from Officer Wright (badge, ID, ammo); Received vest back from former Officer Fields

Chief Pottenger notes that he is still looking for donations the fishing derby. The needs are cash to purchase prizes or prize donations appropriate for children ages 3-15. Water donations have been covered and soft drinks will be donated by the Pepsi Company. Panasonic is covering the food. The Warren County Sheriff's Office gave us a check for \$500 for the fishing derby.

Chief Pottenger states he gave Ms. Herberth a paper from Hamilton County with common questions and answer regarding the Constitutional carry that went into effect. She can distribute that onto the facebook page. The police department will not be giving any legal advice regarding the new law and will pass copies of these to anybody who has questions.

Mr. Tipton addresses a complaint received on June 2nd about the dangers of stopping vehicles on the hill on SR 73. A resident states his wife narrowly avoided hitting the officer and vehicle he stopped.

Chief Pottenger states he did receive that complaint but did not respond to the complainant. He states the officer has a limited amount of control to tell people where to stop. If it is a particularly dangerous spot to stop the officer approaches the vehicle and obtains their driver license and asks the driver to pull to a safe location. However, if there are any suspicions of intoxication we do not want the driver operating that vehicle any further.

Mr. Tipton asks if there are any policies in place to avoid dangerous areas. Chief Pottenger states they do not have any policies regarding stopping in dangerous areas. He states another action he and another officer takes is turning their lights off until they have passed the dangerous area and then turn their lights back on. He also states as a driver you are responsible for paying attention to your surroundings while on the roadway and if you cannot see over the hill you need to slow down when approaching.

Ms. Herberth asks about the PA system in the cruisers. Chief Pottenger states the PA systems aren't very loud in their cruisers, so it is not a reliable tool.

Mr. Tipton asks if the computers removed from the cruisers will be put on GovDeals. Chief Pottenger says he has one at the office. Mr. Tipton would like to get that to Joe so we can get it listed.

Guest Charles Camp asks if the hard drives will be wiped before being sold. Chief Pottenger assures him that they will be before being sold.

Mr. Tipton asks if ammunition has been purchased yet. Chief Pottenger has yet to purchase ammunition for qualifications.

Motion made by Ms. Herberth to adjourn at 6:52pm. Second by Chief Pottenger. 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

Leroy Sanders, Member Police Committee