

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2018

Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman  
Mr. John Schaperkotter  
Ms. Carol D. Gaskin  
Mr. L. Shepley Hermann  
Mr. John Stupp  
Mayor Nancy Spewak

Also present were Fire Chief Steven Lynn, Police Chief Ken Andreski, Jr., Police Captain Darin McClure and Police Lieutenant Ray Hahs.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Stupp.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2018 were approved as amended, by removal of Mayor Spewak's time of arrival, upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Stupp.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

Upon presentation of the monthly report by the Fire Chief, there was discussion regarding recent fires in neighboring municipalities, mutual aid, training and the benefit of having a ladder truck. Chief Lynn suggested the acquisition of a ladder truck is a philosophical question based on the purchase cost, how often it is in use, maintenance costs, and potential impact on the ISO rating by not having a ladder truck. The Chief indicated that he feels it would be a worthwhile study for Ladue.

Discussion ensued regarding the dispatching procedure used by Central County 911 – calls are received at Ladue Police Dispatch initially - once it is determined that the Fire Department is needed, the call is immediately transferred to Central County 911, who dispatches the closest unit.

Chief Lynn presented the results of the Insurance Service Office (ISO) evaluation and distributed a spreadsheet comparing the ratings of the current evaluation with the last evaluation in 1999. The department's rating went from 4 to 3 (increasing from a raw score of 60.22% to 79.01%). The ISO rating ranges from 1-10 with 1 being the highest score. While the ISO does not set insurance rates their evaluations are used by insurance carriers and can affect homeowner premiums. Discussion ensued regarding the individual categories and variance for each with the majority reflecting a positive variance. The Chief pointed out that the department received 100% in the training category due to a very robust training program that has been implemented and expressed his gratitude to the Commissioners for their support. The goal of the department is to achieve a 2 in the next evaluation cycle. Once the rating is presented to the City Council it will be communicated to the residents through the website and

newsletter. It is up to the individual to contact their insurance carrier to determine if the improved rating will impact their premium.

Discussion turned to adoption of the 2015 International Fire Codes which are currently under a 90-day review and comment period prior to adoption by the Council. Specific items were discussed including drywall application on a basement ceiling and the use of manufactured I-beams. The Fire Chief reported that data is gathered during residential inspections noting type of construction, etc. that may assist the department in the event of a fire at some future time. The fire department offers voluntary life safety evaluations to residents as well.

The Police Chief presented the monthly crime report. The Commissioners commented that with the suggested changes by Commissioner Hermann the weekly summary is now easily readable.

Police Chief Andreski presented details about a portable speed monitoring trailer that the department included in the 2018 budget. The trailer will be used to monitor areas with complaints of speeding, raise driver awareness, has newer technology to track traffic counts and is equipped with solar panels as its source of energy. Two department vehicles will be equipped with hitches and all officers and supervisors will be trained to use the trailer. The trailer plus related equipment will cost approximately \$13,000.00. Prop P funds are being used to purchase equipment to better the department. The Police Chief reported that the department is researching a bicycle patrol program that may be brought before the Commissioners in May or June.

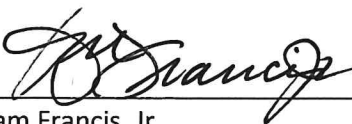
Commissioner Schaperkotter moved endorsement of the purchase of a speed trailer for the police department with second by Commissioner Stupp, which motion passed unanimously.

Chief Andreski presented a completely new Police Manual policy for Section 23.5 Informants, than was distributed last month, explaining the old policy was obsolete and the new policy fits better with today's policing. Commissioner Francis pointed out two changes to be made to the policy; 1) Item 28. Monetary Payments – Language to be added – A signed receipt should be obtained from the Informant; and 2) Item 28.2. the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners should not approve payments to Informants.

Police Manual Section 23.5 Informants as amended with two changes to Items 28 and 28.2 as discussed was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Gaskin.

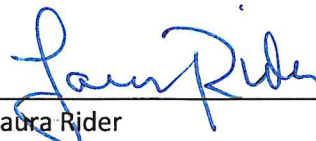
Discussion turned to Police Manual policy Section 36.20 Communications, Portable Radios, noting the significance and importance of this policy in order for Communications Officers to continue dispatching anywhere. Police Manual policy Section 36.20 was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Gaskin.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Gaskin.



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William Francis, Jr.  
Chairman



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Laura Rider  
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk