

## **Police Commission Meeting**

**October 23, 2012**

**Location: Ripon City Hall, Open Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Dennis Cotton **Seconded by:** Danny Lee

**Roll Call:** Dennis Cotton, Danny Lee, Julia Messitte, and Brian Skamra. Not present Jon Heatley.

### **First Order of Business: Police Candidate Recommendation**

- Travis Borkenhagen was extended a conditional offer pending approval of Police Commission by Chief Lukoski. A copy of the memo was provided to the Police Commission. The hope is the officer will be a long term police officer in the department. Travis will be sworn in on November 1, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. at City Hall.
- Dennis Cotton posed the question of why the current officers left the department and if the living constraints were an issue. Chief Lukoski noted Officers have left for higher pay in larger towns. Officers are required to live in a 10 mile radius so they can respond to emergency situations in a timely manner.
- Danny Lee motioned approving Chief Lukoski's officer candidate selection and extending offer to the Travis, the motion was seconded by Julia Messitte, and all present were in favor of welcoming Travis to the Ripon Police Department.

### **Second Order of Business: Review of monthly Police Report**

- Reports were distributed to Police Commission
- Comparisons with last year to date showed about the same amount of incidents
- There was a large increase in Thefts from Motor Vehicles, 2 arrests resulted in the stopping the thefts
- There was an increase in bad checks from insufficient funds
- There was an increase in Disorderly conduct also Simple Assault

### **Third Order of Business: Drug activity in the area**

- Heroin abuse in the area has increased and has drawn the attention of a 5 county tasks force. The 5 counties are working on a grant to support increased police activity in stemming the increasing heroin drug problem. The heroin in the area seems to be coming out of Fond du Lac via Milwaukee and Hwy 41. There have been 76 arrests in Fond du Lac for Cocaine and Heroin.

### **Fourth Order of Business: Sovereign Citizen Groups in 5 county area**

- FBI and State Investigators are working resolving issues where this group refuses to pay taxes, mortgages, etc. Banks and lending institutions have filed police complaints for their activity.

### **Fifth Order of Business: Review Miscellaneous topics and concerns of Police Commission Members**

- Ripon Police Department launched a facebook page. So far there have been over 300 hits and nearly 300 friends. The site will be used to improve awareness and community involvement.
- The Police Department continues to use of Nixle for immediate text and email notification and communication with citizens of Ripon that subscribe to the free service.
- New police officer hired last month is working out real well. He learns quickly, has been on all 3 shifts and obtained great reports from all the trainers and officer evaluations.
- Bill Wallner completing FBI Administration program, a 9 week program for police administration.
- Conceal and Carry Law. There have been no incidents so far.
- Recent shootings in Brown County and the effectiveness of court ordered restraining orders. Restraining orders rely on people being restrained to properly report weapons in their possession and they cannot be searched. They also rely on victims to seeking proper protective services and shelter. The victims must also report violations by the person being restrained to insure enforcement of the order.
- The Mayor and Public Citizens were not present therefore, no comments

Call to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm by Danny Lee, second by Brian Skamra. All present voted in favor of ending meeting.