

April 28, 2013

The Community Police Committee meeting opened at 6:03 pm.

Members present: Debbie Graham, David Stehlar and Art Ianni.

At the opening of the meeting we all agreed to have Dave chair the committee and Art would take minutes.

We all discussed the goal of the committee should be to streamline the Police force and court trying to reduce cost but not their effectiveness. Everyone understands by law the Mayor is in charge of the Police department.

Dave has already looked into County coverage of the Village and stated it would be expensive for taxpayers.

Art suggested the committee contact or visit other municipalities; Oakfield, Elba and Akron. Dave wants to look at Leroy and Debbie suggested Attica.

Debbie wanted to know how Police hours are calculated. No one knew.

Mayor Ralph Peterson arrived at 6:14 pm.

Ralph took over and talked about a Neighborhood Watch Program, having a meeting with Buffalo mayor Byron Brown and adding more people to this committee.

Dave questioned Ralph about the vulnerability of the Police force to a lawsuit with a watch program in place. Dave said a solid Police department must be in place before a watch program can be installed. Dave said Police support a watch program not vice versa.

Debbie questioned Ralph on the fact that she is not here to form a watch program but to look into Police department. Art agreed with Debbie.

Ralph said he wanted to meet with other municipalities Police departments, but he wanted to go without any committee members. Dave said he would like to go with Ralph to other Police departments. Ralph agrees but not until he (Ralph) meets them first.

Ralph said it would be at least 3 weeks before he (Ralph) will do anything.

All agreed to end the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Arthur Ianni

Transcribed by Clerk Sandy Thomas