

Long Beach Police Commission Meeting

September 3, 2014

Present: Bob Angelo, Bob Schaefer, Val Sliwa, Chief Bob Sulkowski

1. Bob Schaefer reported that on September 2nd he met with the Town of Michiana Shores' advisory plan commission to discuss the Police Contract to serve the Town. Bob was joined by Bill Defuniak and Chief Sulkowski. He presented the contract draft which is for three years beginning February 2015. They will review the contract and respond to Bob.
2. Chief Sulkowski is looking into body worn cameras that the officers would wear. These allow for immediate videos of arrests and associated conversations. The cost is between \$500 and \$1,000. There are budgeted funds for equipment.
3. The Commission discussed the 2015 budget. Chief Sulkowski recommended raises for dispatchers and the Commission voted unanimously to give 50 cent/hr. raises, subject to review by the Finance Committee. They also discussed providing a \$1,000 bonus when an officer completes the probation period. The Commission approved this. The Chief will be meeting with the Finance Committee.
4. The Chief reported that he is in favor of the Town utilizing a collection agency for unpaid tickets and fines.
5. As a result of the recent break ins on the west end of Lake Shore Drive, the Commission discussed the idea of installing cameras at Stop 13, Karwick Road and Moore Road. The Chief reminded members that this issue was discussed several years ago, but because of the cost and budget restraints at that time, it was tabled. The cost would be \$14,000 each plus monthly maintenance. These cameras would video all traffic entering and leaving the Town at these locations. The chief was asked to provide actual costs for the cameras and maintenance.
6. Two residents from Stops 15 and 16 respectively asked the Chief about the break ins and the status of potential arrests. The Chief indicated that he has followed up on six leads but there has been no progress on identifying the perpetrator. It was suggested to put the photo of this person in the Beacher.
7. Next meeting is October 1st and 8:30AM.