

Town of Long Beach
Police Commission Meeting
February 20, 2013
Minutes

1. Present: Val Sliwa, Bob Angelo, Bob Schaefer, Chief Marshal Sulkowski
2. A special meeting of the Police Commission was held on February 20th.
3. Chief Marshal Sulkowski presented a letter dated February 7th from Officer Michael Chastain tendering his notification of retirement after 37 years of service. He will be continuing to work on the road until March 13th and then use his 22 vacation days until April 25th at which time he will end his employment with the Town.
4. His letter indicated that he wishes to carry on with his health insurance and his HSA account after the April 25th date. There was a discussion regarding the Town's responsibility relative to continuing to provide insurance and at what percentages. The Town provides 80% of the premiums plus a contribution to the HSA for current officers. Since this is the first retirement in many years in which the Town has been asked to continue providing a portion of the premium, there was a great deal of discussion. The group felt that whatever the Town decides to do, or not do, it has to include all full time employees, not just the police.

Bill deFuniak provided information from the State's perspective regarding a Town's responsibilities on providing insurance for retirees. It appears that a Town "may" provide it. He also indicated that Michigan City covers 67% of the premiums, the City of La Porte covers nothing toward the premiums and the County provides 50% toward the premiums of their retirees. In any case, Long Beach needs to develop a resolution outlining the procedure/process for retirees.

The Commission voted to provide 70% toward the premium as a recommendation to the Council and to honor the HAS account as well. The Council will need to eventually decide just what the Town is willing to provide for all retirees.

The Commission voted unanimously to replace Officer Chastain and will recommend that to the full Council.

5. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 6, 2013.

