

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
JUNE 4, 2010**

Police Department Conference Room, Spring Grove, Illinois, June 4, 2010; a meeting of the Safety Committee was held this date at 8:04 a.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road; Chairperson Houghton presiding.

Roll Call. Roll call showed the following committee members present: Chairman Del Houghton and Members Ron Kopke, Mike Lee and Jim Anhalt – 4. Absent: None. Also present were Tom Sanders, Chief of Police; Cyndi Tierney, Police Department Records Management Coordinator; and resident Alan Kogerup.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2009. Member Kopke moved, seconded by Member Lee to approve minutes from November 13, 2009 meeting. On voice vote the motion carried.

Unfinished Business.

Update of Emergency Ham Radio Communications. The committee viewed a short video hosted by the late Walter Cronkite explaining what ham radio is all about, especially emergency communications. Chairperson Houghton assured Alan Kogerup the Village would depend and rely on Amateur Radio Emergency Service in the case of an emergency where all other systems failed or were overloaded.

Update on RedSpeed Illinois. The committee agreed to recommend holding off on another RedSpeed study at the intersection of Wilmot Road & Main Street and Route 12 & Winn Road. As the Village grows the committee will consider another study.

New Business.

Update on Police Department Budget. Chief Sanders advised the Police Department received cuts in the budget, but no issues were expected. Vehicles seized in arrests have contributed to increased revenue for equipment purchases. Chief Sanders has requested approval for the purchase of tasers and portable cameras.

WatchGuard CopVu Demonstration. Officer Rich Kresen demonstrated the CopVu portable camera system from WatchGuard the department is testing. Unlike the in-car camera system used in the police vehicles CopVu goes where the officer goes. It is a rugged, easy to use, portable wire free camera system the officer clips on. CopVu allows the officer to capture their perspective while still being a part of the action.

The committee recommended purchasing 3 CopVu cameras and tasers.



Update on Video Cameras in the Parks. Chief Sanders will be researching grants that may be available for security systems in the Village parks. Areas of concern shared by the committee were Hatchery Park, the wastewater treatment plant and the well house.

Member Lee excused himself from the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Update on Verizon Cellular Services. Switching service provider to Verizon has reduced the cell phone costs. Cell service is better, but the push to talk feature has had flaws. Chairperson Houghton advised users to contact Verizon at the time of trouble to have the issues documented.

Public Comment. None

Other Business. None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Tierney, Recording Secretary