JULY 12, 2011

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

1:  5:02PM  Call to order  Present: Trustee’s Kulcinski & Horvath
    Chief McHugh
    Excused: Chairman Dunham

2:  Motion Kulcinski, 2nd Horvath to approve the 6/11 minutes. Carried unan.

3:  Public Comment      None

4:  Present Monthly Activity  See attached summary sheets
    29 Assists to Other Agencies 20 hrs 1 minute
    12 Town of Onalaska, 11 Town of Holland, 1 Town of Hamilton 4 City of LaCrosse
    1 Trempealeau County
    41 Calls from Other Agencies 39 hrs, 37 minutes

5:  Present Monthly Claims  See attached summary sheet

6:  Municipal Court Update  No Meeting

7:  Discussion on liquor licensing. Personnel & Finance will be addressing this issue at
    their next meeting. McHugh informed LEC that no licensed business has ever had more
    than one citation in a year. Other issues are calls for service outside of the licensed
    business not related to alcohol violations (fights, noise, etc) For future LEC meetings.

Other: Newly passed Concealed Carry Law does allow local govt to prohibit guns from
Govt buildings. A sign needs to be posted. No new ord would be needed. Trustee
Horvath brought up an old Holmen Ord. that banned all guns. Atty Peterson to be
contacted to review the old ordinance to see if it should be repealed.

Preliminary discussion on 2012 budget. In response to staffing levels, it was noted that
HPD officer to citizen ratio is still at 1 officer for every 900 in population, in opposed to the state average is about 1 officer for every 600. HPD has hired two new officers in the past two years to catch up on our staffing, however Holmen’s growth has kept the ratio the same as it has been.

Chief McHugh will recommend for 2012 a promotion from within the Dept to a new position of Police Detective. Chief McHugh will also request an additional patrol officer, bringing the staff level to 11 full time sworn positions.

All new weapons were purchased for each officer. The purchase was an even exchange for old duty weapons. 3 additional weapons were purchased, 2 for the 2 new officers, and 1 for a spare in case of repairs/malfunctions. Cost for the weapons was $1227.00.

$1000 had been budgeted for two weapons for 2 new officers. All weapons would have been budgeted for replacement next year as their ten year dept policy life span would have been up. Lt. Collins was the source for locating this opportunity.

8: 5:37PM Motion Kulcinski, 2nd Horvath to adjourn. Carried unan.

Minutes by,

Chief M McHugh

7-13-11