

**Minutes**  
**Police Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 6, 2014**  
**Held at Spring Green Village Office**  
**154 N. Lexington Street**  
**1:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to order and attendance:** LuEtta Miller called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.  
Personnel Committee Members present: LuEtta Miller, Vern Demers, and Joel Marcus.  
Others present: Wendy Crary, Kevin Wilkins, and Eugene Hausner.
2. **Appoint minute taker:** Wendy Crary appointed minute taker.
3. **Read and approve minutes of the December 4, 2013 Police Committee Meeting:** Marcus moved and Demers seconded to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2013 Police Committee Meeting. Motion passed with all in favor
4. **Review and approve agenda:** Demers moved and Marcus seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed with all in favor.
5. **Discussion and possible action regarding parking of Spring Green Police Department Squad Cars:** Marcus explained that he had requested that LuEtta Miller schedule this meeting. It was explained that after an accident involving the Chief's parked squad car at his residence the Village President issued an executive order that the squad be parked in the Village Garage after hours. Demers commented, "The order was actually given before the accident, there was a misunderstanding between the Chief and Village President". Marcus stated, "I stand corrected, I was approached by Wilkins to allow the squad car to be parked at his home". "I explained that the order was given by the Village President not directed by the Village Board." Marcus continued by explaining, "An incident occurred that required Wilkins to respond in the early morning hours which slowed the response time, I intend to make a motion to request that the executive order be reversed by the Village President". Demers reviewed the inaccuracies of correspondence received by the Village in regards to the parking of the squad cars. The committee discussed the correspondence received via letter from Dennis Olson and via email from William Mims. The committee discussed citizen concerns that have been voiced by Village Residents to Village Board Members along with personal use of the squad cars and alternate side parking complaints. Marcus said, "In addition to the letter and email received, as a business owner I have concerns, especially after the recent break in at the Pharmacy". The committee discussed the response time of the Chief if called out for an emergency in the middle of the night. Wilkins stated, "I've had a squad at my house for approximately 25 years, I've never considered it a perk of the job, a lot of times it initiates visits to my home". "I feel it's a requirement of the job, I have a routine set in case I have an emergency call, it takes me about 3 minutes. I've never had a garage that would hold 2 vehicles and I've always parked a squad car in my driveway. I did not take into consideration citizen comments that would be received because the squad was being parked on the street." The committee reviewed the scenario of the recent burglary at the pharmacy and Wilkins explained what transpired when he was called out for the emergency. Wilkins stated, "If this would make the decision easier, I can park the squad in my driveway, I've been parking it on the street so I can see it from my window". Marcus moved and Demers seconded to formally request that the Village President reverse his previous executive order to the Police Chief that he parks his assigned squad car at the Village

Garage when he is off duty. Thus allowing the Chief to take his squad home after regular duty for the express purpose of responding to emergency calls for service. Motion passed with all in favor. Demers stated, "I think this information should be relayed to the full board because they are going to be hit with what I feel is an inaccurate letter and email". Miller said, "As a Village Trustee and the Chair of the Police Committee I do appreciate citizen input on all matters, I wish we had more input during public meetings". Miller continued by explaining that she would like to see contingencies placed on the Chief's squad car being parked at his residence. Miller moved and Marcus seconded to place the following conditions on the parking of the squad car at Chief Wilkins residence: When Chief Wilkins is available to respond the squad car may be parked at his residence, when Wilkins is on vacation or flex time leave the squad is to be parked at the Village Garage, when the squad car is parked at Wilkins residence it is to be parked in the garage or the driveway. Motion passed with all in favor. Village President Eugene Hausner agreed to the recommendations given by the Police Committee. Demers moved and Marcus seconded that the previous motions take effect immediately. Motion passed with all in favor.

6. **General Public Comment:** There was no general public comment at this time.
7. **Adjourn:** Marcus moved and Demers seconded to adjourn at 1:52 p.m. Motion passed with all in favor.