

## **Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, January 4, 2001**

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

Committee: Chairman Gillette, Trustees Jeffrey and Newsom

Attending: Chairman Gillette and Trustee Jeffrey

Absent: Trustee Newsom

Also Attending: Assistant Town Administrator Repola, Deputy Police Chief Filsinger, Fire Chief Dorman, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

Chairman Gillette called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Customer Survey:** Deputy Police Chief Filsinger presented the July-December 2000 Customer Survey report. Patrol averages ranged from 4.6-4.8 and Dispatch ranged from 4.3-4.8, out of a possible outstanding rating of 5.0. Completion of a new Town-wide survey form, to be used by all departments, is anticipated in early 2001.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT (EPVFD)**

**Annual Election of Officers:** Fire Chief Dorman reported the EPVFD annual election of officers was held December 5, 2000. The results are as follows:

First Assistant Chief – Daryl McCown

Second Assistant Chief – Larry Pettyjohn

Secretary – Jon Landkamer

Treasurer – Doug Deats

The **Committee recommends approval of the 2001 EPVFD Officers as presented.**

**Fire Hydrant Installation on Big Thompson Avenue:** Fire Chief Dorman reported that the EPVFD currently has a budgeted line item amount of \$20,000 per year for fire hydrant installations. In the past, the budgeted amount has yielded the installation of three to four hydrants. In 2000, six locations were submitted to Rocky Mountain Consultants (RMC) for consideration. Of these six, two are currently under contract for installation and three proved not to be viable sites due to the distance from the water mains. The remaining site is viable but at an increased cost. This site is located on the north side of Big Thompson Ave. at Lakefront Street. Currently there are no fire hydrants along Big Thompson Ave. between the west and east intersections of Grand Estates Dr. This location requires a short water main extension running from Raven Circle to the north side of the Big Thompson Ave. and the Lakefront intersection. The addition of this hydrant will provide faster access to the water supply, which can translate into a lower loss of life and/or property should an incident occur in this area. Water Department purchase orders are written for fire hydrant installations each year. The cost of the Big Thompson Ave. project has been estimated by Kitchen & Co. at \$25,400-\$29,500 (based on the current cost per foot). The EPVFD recommends the use of Kitchen and Co. for this installation through their current contract with the Water Department. The **Committee recommends approval of the Big Thompson Ave. hydrant installation project for a cost of \$29,500.**

### **REPORTS**

**School Partnership Programs:** Assistant Town Administrator Repola explained that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program has been a beneficial part of the school's 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum for approximately 10-11 years. However, due to recent staff scheduling problems and the questionable effectiveness of DARE, the program will be discontinued in 2001. Information received from the Center for the Study and Prevention of

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Violence, a top research organization in the country, will aid staff members of the Police Department and School in choosing an alternative to DARE to address youth violence and substance abuse. In this interim period, the Every Child Has Options (ECHO) program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be followed. The ECHO program is not as time intensive and will provide a continuation of the partnership between the Police Department and Schools until an alternate program is selected.

Deputy Police Chief Filsinger reported that outstanding work by Police Officers played a critical role in the recent solving of the following cases: 3 forgeries, one theft, two vehicle trespasses, and one burglary.

Deputy Police Chief Filsinger reported that Officer Eric Rose was recently promoted to Corporal. On behalf of the Committee, Chairman Gillette congratulated Corporal Rose on his promotion.

There being no further business, Chairman Gillette adjourned the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

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Rebecca van Deutekom, Deputy Town Clerk