

Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2013

9:45 a.m.

Town Hall

Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, and D. Springer

Staff Present: Chief Ransom

Absent: W. Smith

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:47 AM and approval of agenda.
Motion made by D. Springer to add the Speed Sign under Old Business, Second by L. Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Approval January 2013 minutes as written.
Motion made by D. Springer, Second by L. Robertson to approve the minutes of January 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Visitors: None
4. Mayor's Report:
 - a. Financial Reports
Stats –
Mayor – we need more coverage for moving violations – scheduling?
Chief – has adjusted schedule to reduce overtime. Not getting much back from Turk.
Mayor – Shepherdstown contributes a lot to the county.
5. New Business:
 - a. Police Hearing Board—
Mayor – there has to be 3 individuals to make up the board. These individuals have to be chosen by the officers, the SBA, and the Chief. The SBA has chosen Jim Ford, the Chief has chosen GT Schramm, and the officers pick is still pending. Per State Code, the parameters are clear that the town and the Chief are not on the board.
 - b. K-9 Policy -
Chief – we need one. He has two that he's looking at and referring to. Officer Cook has K-9 training every Wednesday from noon-8pm. The dogs and handlers train as one entity. There is a fund made up of joint arrests/cash seized. The Sheriffs office uses the funds to purchase equipment for the dogs.

6. Old Business:

a. Update - Camera Placement near Town Run at Jefferson Security -
Chief – the camera hasn't been moved yet-needs to go to High Street ASAP. The Chief is to put an article in the paper about the newspapers in the town run.

b. Purchase of AED Defibrillator – information forthcoming -
Chief – not done yet – to call Bane Schill.

c. Speed Sign -
Chief – it's by the Day Care now

D. Springer – is frustrated—we have the bases but they haven't been placed yet. At the May 17th meeting, it was stated that they would be moved monthly.

Mayor – they haven't been moved monthly because the officers can't monitor them on a regular basis, so we have had to keep them in one location longer than anticipated. They need more than a month.

D. Springer – the next location is New Street, then Princess St. - where on New St?

Mayor – up the hill. Do this March 1st. Maybe close to Neal's house on his side of the street. Will also get with Frank W. to get the base poles in.

d. Auxiliary - Chief Ransom stated that he really wants to do this so he can tap into volunteers to help direct traffic. He is summarizing another jurisdictions guidelines.

Mayor – we need to check with the insurance company for training, and we need a formal document for them to sign re: liability.

7. Misc

a. Probationary period for new officers to be raised from the current 6 months to one year.

b. Amend the military coverage from the current 60 days to 30 days.

b. Discussion when hiring new officers to offer an incentive of them working for three years under contract if we pay for Police Certification.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by D. Springer to adjourn at 10:11AM. Motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Lori Robertson**