

Police Committee Minutes
0945 Thursday, 16 January 2014 @ Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Chief Ransom, Sergeant King

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 0945 and followed by unanimous approval of the agenda.

2. Correction of 21 November minutes to delete language regarding usage of County canine.

Motion to approve amended minutes made by D. Springer, Seconded by L. Robertson.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors: None

4. Reports:

a. Stats – available but not discussed

5. New Business:

a. K9 quote/information and policy– deferred to next month

b. Municipal Court income tax refund offset program -this an option for the town to recover unpaid fines. Explained by King, this allows garnishment of WV State tax refunds – one-time (per individual) fee of \$25 will collect first on any tax refunds for up to 3 years. Consensus to submit program application forms.

c. Mayor/Chief provided update on participation in JCSO Reserve program. A qualified reservist could provide substantial assistance in: jail transport, processing, traffic management for parades, events, accidents, etc. Next Academy is slated for Feb – Aug; Chief is to assist in recruitment by coordinating publicity.

d. Purchase of new vehicle. Age & mileage of several cars has contributed to substantial repair costs during 2012 & 2013. Chief to provide quarterly stats for monitoring

e. Community Participation Grant (\$10,000) for surveillance. Discussion held on status/operability of current camera(s). Springer to coordinate technical review with Chief and Chris to determine the most effective use of these funds.

6. Old Business:

a. K-9 Policy – pending from Sept 2013 meeting.

b. Auxiliary Personnel Policy- Brief discussion that volunteers & Corporation have coverage from potential liability under current policy. No coverage however for any workmen's compensation. Robertson to check with another municipality for a comparable draft. General consensus that this does not conflict with JCSO Reserve program – would be a less skilled assistance. Topic to be kept on agenda as Old Business.

c. Holiday Gift (in lieu of fines) policy of Ranson PD to be kept on agenda as Old Business.

Motion made by Robertson, seconded by Springer to adjourn at 1006. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Springer