

Police Committee Minutes
0945 Thursday, 21 November 2013 @ Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Chief Ransom

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 0957 and followed by unanimous approval of the agenda.

2. Approval of 06 September & 05 November (Special) minutes as written. **Motion made by L. Robertson, Seconded by W. Smith. Motion carried unanimously**

3. Visitors: None

4. Reports:

a. Stats – not discussed

5. New Business:

a. Setting fine amount for Town Code 12C-1414 “Unlawful to Litter from Motor Vehicle”. Code is present, however no fine had been established. **Motion made by L. Robertson to set fine at \$100 (not including court costs). Seconded by J. Auxer. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Proposed adoption of WV State Code 22-15A-4 “Unlawful Disposal of Litter”. D. Ranson stated that town had not previously adopted this statute of WV State Code to allow town enforcement. Discussion on the frequency of the occurrence and comparative severity of offense in order to set the fine at an appropriate level. Concern noted that discretion be used on enforcement as numerous residents place “litter” in alleys for informal recycling/reuse. **Motion made by L. Robertson to recommend adoption to Town Council and set fine to \$300 (not including court costs). Seconded by W. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**

c. D. Ranson noted that canine Officer Turk is missed and that usage of SU canine unit has not been effective. Discussion on impacts, costs, and if a new canine is in the PD budget. D. Ranson to research and report back.

d. Appropriate recognition events are in planning (Retirement Ceremony for Officer Turk, Award letter for Officer Cook), details TBD.

6. Old Business:

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

b. Auxiliary Personnel Policy- Draft policy had been distributed, this is needed to protect both volunteers & Corporation from potential liability. Amy Boyd to check with Municipal League & insurance carrier for inputs; L. Robertson to check with another municipality for a comparable draft. Topic to be kept on agenda as Old Business.

c. New officer reports for duty on 09 December.

d. Discussion on state mandated policy regarding Police Department which is to be in place by 1 January 2014. **Motion made by L. Robertson, seconded by W. Smith. to recommend adoption to Town Council. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion made by L. Robertson, seconded by W. Smith. to adjourn at 1026. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Springer