

Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2014

9:45 a.m. Town Hall

Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, and J. Ford.

Staff Present: Chief Ransom and Amy Boyd, Town Clerk

Absent: W. Smith

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:47AM

Mayor – if there is no objection, the agenda is approved and the minutes are approved as written. Approved

2. Visitors: None

4. Financial Report:

a. Stats – there has still been a lot of overtime. Casey Yonkers was hurt off duty, and has since returned to full duty.

5. New Business:

- a. Request for promotion

Chief – Officer Cummings would like to be reinstated as Corporal, like he was before he left the department. He shared Officer Cummings letter to the committee. The Chief feels like the position should be opened up to be fair. He feels Officer Cummings is doing a great job. Officer Yonkers is not WV certified yet. The police committee can convene the board to choose the best candidate.

Mayor – lets set a date for that.

J. Ford moved, Second by L. Robertson to interview candidates to fill the corporal's position. Carried unanimously.

- b. Part-time Officer position

Chief – the over-time is very high, \$15K.. He presented figures to verify it. Officer Yonkers was hurt, but in general the last few years the over-time has been high. We also need a dog back on the force due to the drugs in town. Officer Cook can come back and bring his dog with him.

Mayor – how did you come to the figure of \$8295?

Chief – it's averaged out over 3 years with OT for events, etc. Cook was \$17+/hr when he left. This covers 58 (8 hour) days.

A. Boyd – make sure Officer Cook understands what he'll be making.

Mayor – is he still certified? We have had a burglary and only one officer is on duty. It's tough because if multiple calls come, which is becoming more frequent, the one officer is over-stretched. This will help alleviate this. Shepherd U. and County Officers have been coming to help us out. Cook can also work holidays.

L. Robertson moved with a Second by J. Ford to offer Officer Rick Cook a PT position at \$17.79, not to exceed OT costs of \$8300. Motion carried.

6. Old Business:

a. Overtime costs for events –

Mayor – we still need to solidify these fees for closing the streets for events. Right now the police have to do it. Maybe \$100 to close the street? We also need to think about non-profits, the Farmer’s Market is for profit. Keep on the agenda for December.

Mayor - if there is no objection the meeting is adjourned at 10:06AM. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Robertson.