

Police Committee Minutes

Tuesday October 4, 2016

10:00 a.m. Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Chief Mike King

Absent: C. Roberts

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 10:00 AM.

2. Approval of Police Committee minutes as written.
No minutes to approve this meeting.

3. Visitors: Mark Everhart

4. Financial Report:

a. Stats – no report given

5. New Business:

a. Discussion K-9 Program –

Chief – stated that the difference between the K-9's of the past compared to what he is looking at now, is that the SPD would own the dog, not the officer. Officer Epperly is interested in being a K-9 handler (150 hours of training). Purchasing an already trained dog, along with the 3 week training costs approximately \$12K. He has a line on a potential dog that someone wants to donate to the SPD, a 14-month Shepherd. To buy a dog is \$1500 normally. The 3-week training is \$6200. The remainder of the \$12 is the officer's pay while training. The Chief also has a possible donor for the training of the dog. That would be a significant savings to the Corporation. Hill Side Vet Clinic will provide the K-9 vaccinations and standard care. He spoke of canine insurance that Hill Side takes called Whole Pet. It is \$57.82/mo with a \$250 annual deductible. It covers accidents/illness/cancer/specialty & ER coverage, dental diseases, eye, musculoskeletal & blood disorders, behavioral TX, hereditary & congenital issues, Rx therapeutic diets & supplements, alternative & holistic TX, and wellness visits.

The Chief mentioned the FSLA – the Fair Standard Labor Act – this is where an officer gets reimbursed for taking care of equipment, in this case a K-9. The officer would for example leave each day 20-30 minutes early as reimbursement.

L. Robertson – if there are no objections, move to approve the 14-month Shepherd if recommended by Deputy Kilmer, a K-9 expert trainer, when assessed this Friday. None noted.

Misc. –J. Ford - noted that under the Comprehensive Plan, the Police Committee is already fulfilling its requirements. They are: Shepherd University Law Enforcement, Provide Full-Time Police Coverage, and Maintain Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

Mayor – the officers are back from certification school. The new SUV is in service. We shouldn't have any car repairs for a bit.

Chief King – Reserve officers- officer Moats is getting rules/regs from other departments to see how they do it. We should have 3 or 4 to help out with parade/events/weekends. This will save money in over-time. They should have shirts that say "Police Reserves", and we can have a magnet made for the white spare car that says "Reserve Police"

Mayor – if there are no objections the meeting is adjourned at 10:33 a.m. No objections. .

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Robertson.