

Police Committee Draft Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2022

12:00 P.M.

Town Hall – 104 North King Street

Members Present: Mayor Jim Auxer, Lori Robertson and Chief King

Staff Present: None

Absent: Cheryl Roberts

Visitors: Marc Alain Petitpierre

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 12:07 p.m.

2 & 3 - Update on COPS Grant and Future staff vacancies – Chief – the Feds have opened the applications. Madge Morningstar is writing for us. This is for 2 officers. We will be applying with Shepherd University together as it will give both of us a better chance. The government pays for 2 years worth of salary and benefits. The town picks up the uniforms and equipment. We will be looking for certified officers. We are preparing for the future staff vacancies with the expected retirement of at least two of our current officers.

* Also, there has been a nationwide increase in pedestrian fatalities.

* New officer, Bryce Dickens is all trained. He did all of the written tests, firearms, and online tests required of him.

* All of the police ordinances have been updated. To note: other municipalities are looking at our 4th of July ordinance.

* Addictions – we have had 3 overdoses in town in 12 months. Fentanyl is the leading cause. If we would have 4-6 overdoses in a 24-hour period, the DEA can offer assistance. It would be good to do some public education. The Train Station would be the best place to

offer it – maybe do it once a month. WV is sorely lacking for those with mental health issues.

The Suicide Walk is May 15th.

L. Robertson – moved to adjourn at 12:33 p.m. No objections noted.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Robertson.