

Police Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2009
9:45 AM
Town Hall

Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, S. Wallace, W. Smith.

Staff Present: Acting Chief - Tim Johnson

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:50 AM and approval of agenda:
Motion made by S. Wallace, Second by L. Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Approval of December 18, 2008 Police Committee Minutes as written.
Motion by S. Wallace, Second by L. Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Visitors – Lara Liptak, Chronicle reporter
4. Mayor's Report.

A) Chief of Police vacancy - review of resumes.

Mayor Auxer stated as of today, 2/17/2009, we have received ten applications for Chief of Police. Each member of the committee is responsible for coming to town hall and reading the applications on site. Each member will then make a list of applicants to interview based on the vacancy/job description advertised. This review needs to be completed by the end of this month to be ready for discussion at the next meeting 3/2/09 @ 9:45. The committee's goal is to be ready to make a recommendation to the town council in April.

B) Update on hiring additional officer.

We have hired a part time officer, Michael Dodson, who is working out well. It was discussed to go ahead and advertise for another full time officer. This will give us a new roster to choose from in the future as well.

C) Status of parking meter installation.

The installation on New Street and Back Alley is moving along nicely. Acting Chief Johnson stated fourteen meters would be needed on Mill Street

5. Chief's Report -

A) Financial Reports.

The department is seeing an increase in people paying fines regarding bond revenue. We looked at the new ticket pads and noted how they reflect the new fines. They are as follows:

Residential/90 minute.....was \$25.....now \$40
Yell.line/fire hydrant.....was \$40.....now \$50
Dual violations.....was \$50.....now \$100
Handicapped.....was \$100.....now \$200

S. Wallace asked about Revenue VS. Expenses. Mayor Auxer stated he will have a breakdown at the next meeting.

6. New Business.

A) "Pooper Scooper" Ordinance.

L Robertson inquired if the town had an ordinance to deal with the ever increasing amount of dog mess that owner's are not picking up. Acting Chief Johnson stated we did not have one. We have a leash law and a barking ordinance. Mayor Auxer asked Angela to get sample ordinances from Hagerstown, Martinsburg and Winchester so we can make a recommendation to town council.

7. Old Business:

A) Probationary period for new officers to be raised from the current 6 months to one year.

B) Amend the military coverage from the current 60 days to 30 days.

C) Discussion when hiring new officers to offer an incentive of them working for three years under contract if we pay for Police Certification.

**Motion made by S. Wallace, Second by L. Robertson to adjourn at 10:22 AM.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Robertson