

Police Committee Minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2009
10:30 AM --- Town Hall

Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, W. Smith, Chief Johnson
Absent- S. Wallace

Staff Present: Acting Chief – Tim Johnson

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Auxer at 10:38 AM and approval of agenda.
Motion made by W. Smith, Second by L. Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Approval of March 17, 2009 Police Committee Minutes as written.
Motion made by W. Smith to approve the minutes with the above change, Second by L. Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Visitors – Amy Boyd
4. Mayor's Report:
 - A) Status of parking meter installation.
Church Street installation is going well and Mill Street will get started when the money is available.
5. Chief's Report.
 - A) Financial Reports.
Not available this month. Amy will check with Terri.
 - B) Applications for grants.
Same as Town Council Meeting.
 - C) Moving part-time officer to full-time status.
Had advertised for the part-time position but Dave Ransom has expressed an interest in rejoining the department as a full-time officer. He had left to work at Mount Weather but found it unsatisfying. He has maintained employment with Shepherdstown as a part-time employee. He could be reinstated as Sergeant and can start April 26, 2009 . We will send letters out to the applicant that had applied and announce that we did an "in house" promotion.
6. New Business.
 - A) Parking meters on Mill Street.
Addressed in 4-A

B) Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

This is observed in April. It was discussed that Amy could copy and paste the official banner to the town's website for the remainder of the month. Also, Teal ribbons are to be tied on the police cars and around town on various trees. Dan Friend at the Chronicle will be notified that we are endorsing Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

7. Old Business

A) "Pooper Scooper" Ordinance

Pending

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

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

D) 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 W. Smith, Second by L. Robertson to adjourn at 10:53 AM.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Robertson