

## Police Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

9:30 a.m.

### Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Chief Johnson

Absent:

1. Meeting was called to order by L. Robertson at 9:30 AM and approval of agenda.  
**Motion made by W. Smith, Second by S. Wallace. Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Approval June 18, 2009 Police Committee minutes as written.  
**Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith to approve the minutes of June 18, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Visitors: None
4. Mayor's Report:  
  
None given.
5. Chiefs Report:
  - a. Financial Reports  
Not available, none given
6. New Business:
  - a. K-9  
The Chief stated that Officer Cummings wife purchased a dog for his birthday. Officer Cummings would have to go to school to get certified as a K-9 handler. One on one training is shorter in duration but more expensive and is with the State Police. The dog is already certified. The Chief has put in for a grant to help pay for the certification but hasn't heard anything yet. The Chief cited increased drug traffic in our area and the dog will be able to sniff out cocaine, heroine, ecstasy and pot. The Chief stated he will check the cost of training the officer as well as improvements needed for the cruiser. He has obtained firm offers of donations for dog food and vet care.
  - b. Interviews for Parking Enforcement Officer  
Each member of the parking committee is to go through the applications and make a short list of 4-6 candidates to interview Sept. 1, 2009 @ 6 pm. The following parameters are to be used: Physical capability, computer skills a must, dealing with the public, availability and previous law enforcement. The review process needs to be complete by Thursday 8/29/09.

7. Old Business:

a. Used vehicle purchase

The Chief and another officer went to Ohio and picked up two 2006 Crown Vic. Patrol cars. They are very nice and have a 3 year warranty. The cars still need to be fitted with all of the necessary police equipment.

b. Parking on Mill Street

The mayor stated the meters are installed and working very well.

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

d. Amend the military coverage from the current 60 days to 30 days.

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

Misc. discussion- S. Wallace asked about enforcing the speed limit more regularly. He also asked if there was anything the town could do to quiet the loud motorcycles that cruise through town. The Chief said no because they are street legal.

**Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by S. Wallace to adjourn at 10:25 AM. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted by,  
Lori Robertson**