

Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2011

9:45 a.m. Town Hall

Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, and D. Springer, Wanda Grantham Smith

Staff Present: Chief Ransom,

Absent: None

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:50 AM and approval of agenda.

Motion made by D. Springer, Second by W. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of October, 2011 Police Committee minutes as written.

Motion made by D. Springer, Second by W. Smith to approve the October minutes 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors: None

4. Financial Report:

The Mayor stated that this was in our packets.

5. New Business:

- a. K9 Corporal James Cummings resignation (last day is November 18, 2011)

The Mayor spoke to this and stated that Corporal Cummings last day is tomorrow and that he is going to work for Shepherd University. He may return to school and will be the university's canine officer.

Officer Cook is to take Turk either today or tomorrow.

Chief Ransom- will tell his officers to stay out of there.

- b. Hiring of additional officer to fill Cummings position:

Chief Ransom stated that he has called Christopher Barnhardt at the Mayor's request to see if he's still interested in working for SPD. Chris had been one of the applicants when we hired Officer Cook. Chris told the Chief that he is still interested and can start tomorrow.

Mayor- wants to have Chris come in to interview again. Everyone agreed that that would be a good idea. The interview will take place Monday, November 21st at 7:15pm at Town Hall.

- c. Police vehicle maintenance costs:

Chief Ransom will break down the data into general maintenance & repairs categories and go over it with D. Springer before the next Police Committee.

d. Purchase of new police vehicles:

Chief-is still looking at vehicles and is researching lease vs. purchase.

D. Springer-suggested looking into a “no drive home vehicle”.

Chief-stated this could be a problem when the officers are on call-a take home vehicle is pretty standard these days. He also stated that he likes the smaller 4WD, SUV’s on the market for better gas mileage, like the Ford Escape. .

6. Old Business:

a. Radar signs:

Mayor- The Radar sign has been ordered and the new traffic pattern with the detour will start after school lets out in May. Construction is still slated to start in February. The Mayor will ask Allegheny for another light at the crosswalk. Also, he added that there might be the need to make a “no left turn” from High Street to Duke Street. There is terrible congestion at this intersection already and the construction will make it worse. It’s a convenience vs. safety issue.

b. Discussion of creating an Auxiliary or Reserve Program

Chief Ransom stated that this is still pending.

c. Stats:

D. Springer requested putting “Stats” under the “financial” heading of the Police Agenda and proceeded to go over the stats from last month.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith to adjourn at 10:20 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by, Lori Robertson