

## Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 23, 2011

10:15 a.m.

### Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Chief Ransom

Absent: None

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 10:25 AM and approval of agenda.  
**Motion made by D. Springer, Second by W. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Approval May 2011 minutes as written.  
**Motion made by D. Springer, Second by W. Smith to approve the minutes of May, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Visitors: Clyde Kerneck  
Clyde spoke to the Neighborhood Watch and stated that when the Watch was going on before it lost steam due to lack of interest from the citizens of Shepherdstown.  
D. Springer suggested a Face Book posting and/or an email distribution as methods of communication verses meetings.  
Mayor asked when the last time a block meeting was held by the captains.  
Clyde stated that it had been awhile. He also stated that a block capt. was needed on High St.  
Mayor suggested New and Princess Streets also.  
Clyde stated that Catherine Wilson, Dab. Chapman, Tom Martin, Mr. Kinser and Joe Matthews were currently block capts.  
L. Robertson stated that she would do it for Princess St. since she basically does it already.  
Clyde stated that he needs emails from everyone and felt like we need capts from the East and West ends.  
The magnets were brought up again and everyone thought they should be the size of a business card with a white background with black letters. It should include: Emergency -911, Non-Emergency 304-725-8484 and state all tips can remain anonymous. These magnets could be handed out with the parking stickers and when the water bills are paid. Chief Ransom will get Terry to have these made.
4. Mayor's Report:
  - a. Financial Reports  
None given.
5. New Business:
  - a. DUI Grant –

Chief Ransom stated that a grant for \$750 has been approved effective during the week of 8/17-8/21.

b. Hiring of fourth officer-

We have the applications and they are divided into two categories; certified and non-certified and the Mayor felt like we should re-visit the work for training option. Chief Ransom Stated that the shift covered would be from 10pm-8am. Please look at the applications by 7/15 so the interviews can be conducted the week after.

c. Ordinances-

Chief Ransom stated that there are some ordinances that should go before Town Council.

1- 17C-12-7, this enforces the cars stopping for bus drivers while loading and unloading.

**Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by D. Springer to recommend the above ordinance be recommended to the Town Council to be added to the town code. Motion carried unanimously.**

2- 61-8-16, this addresses obscene and anonymous telephone calls.

**Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by D. Springer to recommend the above ordinance be recommended to the Town Council to be added to the town code. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. 61-8-27A, this addresses the use of false ID's.

**Motion made by D. Springer, Second by W. Smith to recommend the above ordinance be recommended to the Town Council to be added to the town code. Motion carried unanimously.**

d. Joint Venture with Shepherd University-

Chief Ransom stated that Chief Beckner wants to do a joint venture with the Shepherdstown Police Dept. and go around to the residents that live next to the campus and have points of contact as well as have meetings with those interested.

e. Dept. Chaplain-

Chief Ransom would like to institute the use of a Dept. Chaplain. He will ask our local clergy if one or more would be interested in donating their time to help out the officers when requested.

f. Special Response Team-

Chief Ransom stated that Officer Harper has expressed his desire to try out for the Special Response Team-it requires \$2,000 in equipment and time away from the job. It was decided that we would re-visit this once we hired the fourth officer to make sure we would have the coverage.

6. Old Business:

a. Discussion of creating an Auxiliary or Reserve Program-

8. Misc

- 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.
- b. 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 L. Robertson, Second by D. Springer to adjourn at 11:21 AM. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted by,  
Lori Robertson**