

POLICE BOARD OF COMMISSIONS

The Police Board of Commissions held a meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015, at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Frank Caudell.

PRESENT: Board Member Bob Sterrett, Board Member Ellen Rich, Board Member Patrick Calhoun, Board Member Frank Caudell, Board Member Janet Manship, Chief Knauer, Major Shelley and Attorney Alex Intermill.

MOTION MADE by Member Janet Manship to approve the February 17, 2015 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Member Bob Sterrett. APPROVED 5-0.

The Chief provided his report and the following matters were discussed:

1. Police Officers Pension Fund: As of March 9, 2015 the Town was two payments behind on the Police Officers pension Fund. The Chief has not personally addressed the late payment with the Town Clerk. The Chief has sent an email to the Clerk but the Clerk has not responded. The Chief also contacted Cindy Harrison, the Clerk's Assistant, by phone, but Harrison had no information about the late payments.
2. Staffing and Manpower: Officer Brad Garrison resigned. Chief Knauer described a short term manpower shortage in the force due to the resignation; two vacancies; and the temporary loss of Lieutenant Bratton while recovering from surgery. Chief Knauer requested permission from the Board to fill a part-time temporary position to help cover the workload until the return of Lieutenant Bratton and the hiring of two new officers. Chief Knauer plans to fill the part-time position with Reserve Officer Mike Trado. Discussion ensued concerning the available funding for a part-time temporary position and the time period needed to cover the understaffing.
MOTION MADE by Member Janet Manship to recommend the Town Council approve a part-time Officer position as recommended by the Chief, subject to Town Counsel funding approval. SECONDED by Member Bob Sterrett. APPROVED 4 – 1.
SECOND MOTION MADE by Member Bob Janet Manship to recommend the Town Council limit the part-time temporary position to 6 months. SECONDED by member Bob Sterrett. APPROVED 5- 0.
3. New Hires: Conditional offers of employment were made to Derek Archer and Jordon Conley pending the results of their PERF exam, psychological screening, and approval by the Town Counsel. Both completed and passed polygraph tests.
4. Training: Officer Corey Munsell will complete his training at the State Police Academy this week. Officer Durbin will be attending "Finding Words" training in October for children of sexual and child abuse.
5. Vacations: Chief Knauer will be on vacation from Friday March 13th through Monday March 23rd.
6. InterAct: The InterAct RMS and CAD system is not yet implemented in Fortville and may not be implemented due to company financial problems and the company not meeting its contractual obligations with other Police forces in the metropolitan area. None of the \$8000.00 funds allocated for InterAct have been paid to the company.

7. Public Relations: Coffee with a Cop is this Saturday March the 14th at the Broadway Diner at 8 a.m. The Chief will not be attending. Officer Fox was complimented by a citizen on his professionalism.
8. Police Department Budget: The Police Department may be over budget by \$10,000 to \$15,000 in operations due to car repair and replacement requirement. The town budget related to Police Department salaries is under budget due to position vacancies.
9. Closing Comments: Member Ellen Rich complimented the people and good work of the Police Department and the Board. Member Frank Caudell confirmed that a returned certified letter to Town Clerk Marcy Stafford should be filed/maintained by Town Counsel Alex Intermill.

NEXT MEETING:

A meeting will be held, date to be determined, for hiring approval of the two new officers after receipt of their test results. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday June 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Fortville Town Hall.

MOTION MADE by Member Bob Sterrett to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Member Janet Manship. Approved 5-0.

MEETING CONCLUDED.


FRANK CAUDELL, President

ATTEST:

WILLIAM KNAUER, Police Chief