

Temple-Greenville Police Joint Board

Minutes of the Public Meeting

March 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carla Mary at 5:00PM. Also attending the meeting were George Willard and Gail Cromwell of Temple, Doug Reardon of Greenville and Chief McTague. Also attending was Selectman Steve Spratt of Greenville. Several citizens attended the meeting: Connie and John Kieley of Temple, Gary Scholl of Temple, and Richard Miller of Greenville.

At 5:00 PM, a motion by C. Mary, seconded by G. Cromwell to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA91-A:II(b) was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

At 5:16 PM, a motion by C. Mary, seconded by G. Cromwell to pursue candidate Robert Riley for the open full time position for Temple-Greenville PD was passed unanimously.

A motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by G. Willard to set the meeting time to 6:30 PM was not passed.

At 5:18, a motion by C. Mary, seconded by G. Willard to set the meeting time to 6:00 PM passed unanimously.

C. Mary brought to the board's attention that purchase orders for items over \$250.00 were required by Greenville. The auditors warned the town about the Police Department not obtaining purchase orders. The board decided that for purchases that the department anticipates ahead of time, purchase orders will be brought to scheduled Joint Board meetings. For items that occur between meetings, the department will request signatures from board members when the need occurs. Cruiser maintenance, and other regular department expenditures will not require a purchase order.

MINUTES:

A motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by George Willard to accept the minutes of the February 1st meeting as written was passed unanimously.

A motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by George Willard to accept the minutes of the February 22nd meeting as amended was passed unanimously.

The board discussed the requirements for the release of minutes to the public. Both Temple and Greenville will post approved minutes on their websites, and requested that approved minutes be forwarded to each BOS. In the case of a request for unapproved minutes, Chief McTague stated that he would not approve the release of draft minutes from the department, but that the board should make the decision on these requests. C. Mary suggested that since the minutes regularly go out to the members within a couple of days of the meeting, it shouldn't be a problem for each board member to review them and request any changes within the 5 business days required by law.

G. Cromwell suggested that a Draft Watermark be added for easier identification of draft minutes.

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The board discussed the renewal of the contract. Since the only change was the length of the contract, members from each town are comfortable sending the contract directly to the Attorney General, rather than first sending it to counsel.

C. Mary presented a historical budget report to show that there had not been decreases in the budget over the years.

C. Mary expressed that she was disheartened to read in the minutes of a Temple meeting that Chief McTague stated that officers would work for Temple on call, but that he said that officers would refuse to work on call for Temple-Greenville PD.

Chief McTague responded that he worked on an hourly basis for Temple, and by contract, if he went back to Temple, it would be with the same terms. He stated that at the time of the merger, Greenville insisted that he be salaried, and he agreed, as long as he would not be required to be on call. He stated that there was a big difference between the type and amount of calls between the two towns, and that it was much easier for officers to agree to work on call for a potential Temple stand-alone department.

C. Mary stated that she doesn't want the ambulance members to decide that they won't provide coverage to Greenville if they don't have coverage for after- hours calls.

G. Cromwell stated that the board really needs data from SVAS regarding after hours calls, in order to make a decision on how to best handle the situation, and noted that New Ipswich PD does not have on-call coverage either.

D. Reardon stated that he doesn't understand why they (SVAS) are not tracking their calls.

A motion by D. Reardon, seconded by C. Mary to send a letter to SVAS requiring statistics so that staffing issues can be addressed was passed unanimously. The statistics should include type of call, time of call, and wait times for State Police response.

G. Willard asked Chief McTague if the department often requested mutual aid. Chief McTague responded that we seldom require mutual aid, but that if officers do make a request, neighboring departments are quick to respond. He also stated that he often tells officers to make sure that if they go out of town for mutual aid, the call warrants leaving our two towns without an officer for the length of the mutual aid call.

At 5:40PM, a motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by C. Mary to appoint G. Willard as the chairman of the board for the upcoming year was passed unanimously.

C. Kieley requested that agendas for upcoming meetings be posted on-line.

At 5:39 the board signed pay rate change forms for the Greenville BOS.

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Chief McTague reported that the grant for the Radar Cart had been approved. He explained that the department will pay the total purchase price, and that the grant will reimburse half. A purchase order will be prepared for signatures as soon as the final price of the equipment has been determined.

R. Miller inquired about complaints about the department. Chief McTague explained that if a complaint were against a specific officer, that he would undertake an investigation and report back to the complainant. If the complaint was against the department, the board would take the complaint and investigate. Mr. Miller required specifically about citizen complaints regarding walking patrols. Chief McTague responded that he was unaware of any citizen complaints about this.

C. Mary stated that it had been discussed by prior boards and not with this current board and that the prior board members were told it was not feasible. Mr. Miller stated that the need/feasibility of this type of patrol should be determined by the Chief. C. Mary asked Chief McTague if it was something he would be able to do, on the weekends when we had two officers on duty, Chief McTague said yes.

C. Mary stated that she would leave the leave the time up to the Chief based on availability of officers and the best time during their shift.

The board briefly discussed the issue of dog waste in on Main Street. Chief McTague stated that is an ongoing problem, but that it has to be seen by an officer in order for a citation to be issued. R. Miller asked if citizens could report it. Chief McTague responded affirmatively.

Chief McTague reported that Officer Rousseau did a great job working with the State Fire Marshall on the arrest that resulted from the arson in Greenville over the weekend.

At 5:49 PM, a motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by D. Reardon to adjourn the meeting was unanimously passed.

The next meeting will be held on April 4 at 6:00 PM, in Greenville.

These minutes were prepared by E. Maxcy-Humphrey