

Temple-Greenville Police Joint Board

Minutes of the Public Meeting February 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman George Willard. Attending the meeting were Gail Cromwell of Temple, Carla Mary and Doug Reardon of Greenville and Chief McTague.

A motion by C. Mary, seconded by G. Cromwell to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting as written was passed, with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Mary asked if the Radar Cart is operational. Chief McTague responded that it is all set except for the lettering, which will be completed by Don Kraemer, the NH Signman. He reported that it wouldn't be used during the winter, due to snowbanks and road clearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion by C. Mary, seconded by G. Willard to accept a \$50.00 donation check from Joan P. Lemire was passed with all in favor. The funds will be used to purchase coloring supplies for children visiting the station. (This is contingent on there being an approved accounting method for accepting and expending the funds within the police budget.)

Chief McTague informed the board that CrimeStar, the database system used by the department has not been upgraded since its initial purchase in 2005. He stated that the system has exceeded its capacity for booking, accident, and crime scene photos. The solution to this problem is to upgrade the data base from the current Professional system to the larger Enterprise version of Crimestar. He stated that the projected life expectancy of the upgrade is five to six years. Additionally, the current system allows only one user at a time to utilize the database, which is often problematic. The cost to upgrade the database and add an additional user license is \$4,265.00.

Chief McTague asked for this upgrade to be a priority if there are excess funds available as the budget year progresses. C. Mary suggested the possibility of using detail funds to cover the cost, if it became an emergency.

A motion by C. Mary, seconded by D. Reardon to table the issue until further into the year was passed.

Paul Bertrand from Nationwide Retirement Solutions presented information on a deferred savings plan. The plan would be of no cost to the town, but would require additional payroll processing, as it is

based on employee payroll deductions. C. Mary stated that the Greenville board had previously decided not to take on further administrative duties at this time. She stated that if this was something that was already in place in Temple, that police employees could be included if Temple were to take over administrative duties for the next contract term. G. Cromwell suggested that employees could be advised to open similar accounts at Fidelity Investments.

2017 BUDGET:

Everything is looking good so far. Chief McTague is prepared for the budget hearings later in the week.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

G. Cromwell asked Chief McTague about E-Ticketing. Chief McTague explained that E-Ticketing which allows for scanning of drivers licenses and registrations, and direct printing of citations from the cruiser, is being implemented by some towns. He further explained that the cost to our department would be very high, as our cruisers are not equipped with computers, and the necessary software is not compatible with our software. He feels that for the number of tickets written by the department, the cost is not justified.

C. Mary asked why the number of citations was down in 2016, compared to 2015. Chief McTague stated that part of the reason is that as the state increases fines, it becomes more difficult to issue tickets to the average driver, so citations were being given mostly to the more serious speeding offenders, and that more warnings are issued than citations. He further stated that because of the higher fines, more people are fighting tickets at court, which increases overtime expenses. He stated that the increased number of special traffic details in 2016 decreased speeds, as drivers slow down for signs and cruiser lights. It was noted that none of the money for tickets comes back to the department. Chief McTague stated that there are no quotas for ticket writing in place, and that he leaves the matter to the discretion of the officers.

Chief McTague requested approval of the purchase of two "Active Shooter Kits", which are bullet proof vests and associated equipment to be kept in the cruiser. These vests differ from the standard vests in that they stop rifle bullets. The funds would come from the safety equipment replacement line. The board signed a purchase order totaling \$908.00 for this equipment, to be purchased from AAA Police Supply.

A motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by C. Mary to adjourn the meeting at 6:45PM was passed.

The next meeting will be held on March 6, at 6:00 PM in Temple.

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