

Crime and Public Safety Committee

Thursday, 8/17/23/ 6:30 PM / MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

Attendees

Scott Kleinschrodt, Tom Dubreuil, Diane Lyon, Nancy Mooney, Donald Mooney, Warren Green, Jennifer Green, JoBeth Dudley, Carol Sheltry.

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

Call to order 6:30

Approval of 8/03/23 meeting minutes. Tom D., Nancy M. Unanimous.

Old Business

- **Date of Forum 10/05/23 6:30 PM / MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING**
- Received quote of \$590 for postcard mailers regarding forum.
- *500 6"x10" postcards including postage.

New Business

- Will design a creative layout for postcard with designer at Sherwin Dodge Printers.

What should be included on postcards:

- Come in and give your opinion. Your voices will be heard.
- Date/place/time of forum
- Approved Warrant Article.
- Scott- A Reminder of Robert's Rules of Order.
- Police cruiser with blue lights?
- How do you feel about police protection?
- Cruiser for background?
- Jennifer- We need to make sure the wording on the postcard is welcoming people to voice opinions.

Pre-forum prep:

- Forum should be kept as brief as possible.
- Get graffiti photos and forum announcement in paper to bring attention to the issue and the forum?
- Scott- Will include photos in PowerPoint presentation. Possible photos on flyers. "Here's your opportunity to have a voice."

Selectboard:

- Scott was notified by JoBeth Dudley, Selectboard Chair, that the board will need to approve of the postcard design before they are sent out.

Open Discussion

- State Police Contract (Brief Overview)
 - Referencing contract dated 3/2021
 - 1 Trooper for 4 hours per week.
 - Shall record activity
 - Will answer any and all calls during those hours.
 - Hourly basis plus retirement.
 - Paid overtime wages
 - \$15,000 per year

Note: *JoBeth doesn't believe there are any changes in the current contract.

*Scott will follow up to verify details of the current contract.
- Scott-
 - Spoke to Scott Pinson (former chief of police in Lisbon and current Dalton resident) concerning the contract that Lisbon held with Landaff that provided paid coverage for Landaff residents by Lisbon's police department.
 - Lisbon offered 20 hours per week. Cost: \$20,000 per year.
 - Wants ongoing stats from State Police.
 - State Police review. Are they providing 16 hours of coverage per month?
 - Is this coverage more than basic patrolling the main roads?
- Carole- State Police charge the town strictly for scheduled and covered patrol time. 911 calls are always covered by State Police, but not charged to the town.
- Scott- JoBeth provided an extensive list of what we needed to do such as collecting statistics from surrounding and comparable towns.
- RE: Forum presentation and facts/data concerning police options.

Our first goal is to hold a forum for public input and then determine how to proceed or if to proceed based on public input.

- Jennifer- Clarify what we are looking for. What do we need?
- Carol- Are there other financial options? Need ballpark costs. Need breakdown of all options/costs.
- JoBeth- A year ago State Police discussed the possibility of increasing coverage.
- Jennifer- Make sure we are comparing apples to apples when reporting stats. Small towns have different needs.
- Scott- Check Lisbon/Landaff as combined protection is already in place.
- Tom- Are we going to talk to State Police about more hours?
- Scott- Bring that up at forum.

- Scott- Pointed out that statistics are trending up.
- Jennifer- How are they tracking this information? Be specific.
- JoBeth- You should check statistics for Jefferson and Twin Mountain.
- Carol- Look at the town reports for the last 10 years.
- JoBeth- It is going to be important to lay it out in a clear and concise manner for the forum.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 9/07/23 6:30 PM / MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

Meeting adjourned 7:18. Tom, Don. Unanimous.

