

**Final
Temple-Greenville Police Joint Board
Minutes of the Public Meeting
January 5, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM. Attending the meeting were Gail Cromwell and George Willard of Temple, Tony Ste. Marie of Greenville, Chief McTague, and Sgt. Needham.

Chief McTague introduced the department's new part time officer Eric MacDuff, and requested that the board make his temporary appointment permanent. Officer MacDuff will fill one regular shift per week, and fill other shifts as needed. Officer MacDuff has full time certification, and is employed full time by Lyndeborough PD.

A motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by T. Ste. Marie to permanently appoint Eric MacDuff as a part time officer was approved. His appointment was signed.

Chief McTague informed the board that due to an injury, part time candidate Mike Heikkila, who was appointed on a temporary basis last month, will be unable to attend the upcoming part time academy, and will not seek a permanent appointment at this time. His appointment will be readdressed should he be able to attend the next session of the part time academy.

MINUTES:

A motion by T. Ste. Marie, seconded by G. Cromwell to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board briefly discussed the target shooting that is occurring in the northeast end of Temple. Chief McTague explained that there had been no complaints other than the one received via the Temple website. He further explained that target shooting is a legal activity. Without a report while the activity is happening, it is impossible to determine any facts.

The department received a \$50.00 donation from Joan Lemire Real Estate. In the past, this annual donation has been deposited in the Pistol Permit Account. The Greenville BOS asked that the board address it, as all donations require Select Board approval.

A motion by G. Willard, seconded by G. Cromwell to accept the donation for deposit in the Pistol Permit account was approved.

The board declined to sign pay rate change forms until after the budget is voted on at Town Meeting. If approved, the raises will be applied retroactively.

BUDGET:

The 2014 budget was discussed briefly. Final numbers are not yet available, but it appears that the department will end the year within the proposed budget.

The 2015 budget was discussed. It was noted that the Health Insurance line needs to be increased to accommodate a family plan in place of a two person plan, as Sergeant Needham and his wife are expecting a baby in June. The health insurance line will now be \$77,375.00. The Heating Oil line item was reduced by \$500.00 to \$3,500.00 in light of reduced oil costs that are projected to continue throughout the year.

The Board briefly discussed the problem of using 53 weeks instead of 52 in the calculated salary and wage lines. It is a quirk of the calendar that Greenville pays on Thursdays and January 1, 2015 is a Thursday. The proposed budget for 2015 has salary/wage increase of \$15,753.00, of which \$6,430.00 is the 2% increase and the remainder is the extra payment period. It is expected that this will even out with the 2016 budget.

A motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by T. Ste. Marie to approve the 2015 budget in the amount of \$496,984.00 was passed unanimously. (Carla Mary, who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, voiced her approval of the increase in the health insurance line via email earlier in the day.)

The total for the new Cruiser is expected to be \$42,884.00. It is more expensive than the previous cruiser because it is a 4 wheel drive Explorer, and a new radio is required, as the current radio is approximately 20 years old, and no longer repairable should it malfunction.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief McTague reported that all officers completed the required firearms and Taser training, along with training on the department's sexual assault, sexual harassment and use force policies in December.

The Chief informed the board that he is planning a small celebration of the Department's 10th anniversary in May. He anticipates having a cookout, and will inform the board of the date as it approaches.

A motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by G. Willard to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 was passed.

The next meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on February 9, in Greenville.

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