

Temple-Greenville Police Joint Board

Minutes of the Public Meeting

May 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Willard at 6:00PM. Also attending the meeting were Doug Reardon and Carla Mary of Greenville, Gail Cromwell of Temple, and Chief McTague. Also attending was Selectman Ken Caisse of Temple and numerous residents.

Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes of the March 14th meeting. C. Mary requested that approval be postponed until the next meeting, as she had several changes to make, but did not have the changes with her.

The board signed the minutes of the non-public session of March 14.

Radar Cart Grant Update:

Chief McTague informed the board that the cart would be ordered soon, and will include a computer that will generate reports that can be used by the road agents.

C. Mary asked if there would be a schedule for the cart. Chief McTague responded that the cart would be used on all details, and additionally, it would be placed on the roads that receive the most citizen complaints. Chief McTague explained that the cart is equipped with cameras, but under state law, cameras can't be used for the purpose of ticketing.

G. Cromwell asked if the cart would be paid for from the detail fund. Chief McTague responded that the cart will be paid half by a grant, and half by the detail fund. (100 percent of the purchase will be made from the fund, and then 50 percent will be reimbursed by the grant.)

Vouchers for Radar Cart and related items:

The vouchers were previously signed.

Discuss procedure for agenda compilation:

George will start the agenda on the 2nd Monday of each month, working with Elizabeth. The proposed agenda will be emailed to each board member. Board members may request additions to the agenda. When the agenda is finalized, it will be posted, along with the time, date and location of the upcoming meeting, two weeks in advance of the meeting. Greenville posts meetings on the TV channel. Temple postings are located at the municipal building and the store.

Update on hiring of officers:

Mike Heikkila graduates from the Part Time Academy on March 5th. He is currently being trained on the job, working shifts with the Chief, Sgt. Needham, and Officer Rousseau. There has been some response to the advertised position, but no one who is certified. (excepting the candidate discussed at the March

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14th meeting.) The department is still seeking Full and Part time officers. Chief McTague would like to hire 1 or 2 part time officers to attend the Part Time Academy in the fall.

M. Heikkila can work 1300 hours until the end of the year.

C. Mary inquired about the candidate that was discussed at the last meeting. Chief McTague responded that that individual asked for \$6,000.00 more than Officer Rousseau. C. Mary asked if there was any desire to offer more money to get a full time certified officer. G. Cromwell indicated that this would cause an issue within the department. C. Mary responded that he was more experienced than Officer Rousseau. Chief McTague stated that the candidate was asking for close to the amount that the Sergeant is currently paid.

C. Mary asked if M. Heikkila could only work limited hours until he is full time certified. Chief McTague confirmed this. He stated that he would like to have Heikkila work full time until the January Full Time academy. The department would need two new part time officers to cover the hours while Heikkila attends the academy.

There was a discussion of what hours would be covered by Heikkila.

D. Reardon asked if there were any potential full time certified candidates that would not offend our current officers pay-wise. Chief McTague stated that there weren't any at this time.

C. Mary questioned how the department could get good officers without paying competitive rates, and stated that this is a big concern. G. Cromwell responded that the department wages had just been increased by 2 percent. Chief McTague stated that the board had done wage studies in the past, and made adjustments, but that this hadn't been done recently.

G. Cromwell informed the board that a Temple resident had been pleased recently with response time from the State Police on a call in Temple.

NHRS Employer Compliance Audit Report:

The NH Retirement system conducted an audit, and requires verification from the Greenville board that Chief McTague works at least 32 hours per week, which satisfies the Town's definition of a full time position. C. Mary stated that since Chief McTague doesn't hand in time cards, the Greenville board is not able to verify his hours.

Chief McTague stated that he completes weekly time cards, but does not turn them in, at the request of the former town administrator. He believes that this was due to a directive from the NH Department of Labor, but does not recall exactly.

C. Mary asked the chief to report this to Town Administrator Kelley Collins in writing. The Greenville select board will discuss this further at an upcoming meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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D. Reardon requested information on an incident that happened shortly after town meeting. There were several State Police cruisers involved. Chief McTague reported that the owner of the store was robbed early in the morning. With the help of Officer Rousseau, the subject was identified and arrested by the State Police.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Mary inquired about reports that an individual was going door to door seeking money. Chief McTague stated that this had been happening, and that it is not illegal to ask for money. He suggested that people tell the person no, and ask that they leave and not return. If the subject returns, they can then be arrested and charged with criminal trespass. C. Mary asked if there was a way to get the individual out of town before he takes advantage of an elderly subject. (Resident Carol Demers reported that the individual was a problem at Greenville Falls, but as his mother lives there, he has to be allowed on the property.) Chief McTague responded that as the individual has not done anything illegal, there's not anything that the department can do. He reported that allegedly a resident had given the subject money. (Resident H. Vaillancourt stated that he had given him money, because he felt sympathy for him.) C. Mary mentioned that a resident had called to complain about him while State Police was on call, and was told that they would not be able to respond. C. Mary stated that the board strongly urges residents not to encourage this individual.

G. Cromwell asked if there was a possibility of pre-buying heating oil before prices go up. D. Reardon stated that oil companies would not do pre-buy agreements this early in the year. Elizabeth will follow up with the Greenville BOS.

At 6:35, the board signed a payroll change form for M. Heikkila, to be effective upon his graduation from the part time academy. (\$10.00 to \$17.00)

Chief McTague presented a quote of \$450.00 from Will Wildes, to install two lighted exit signs, with battery back-up, and emergency lighting in the basement as required by the Department of Labor review, and to install one outlet to alleviate cords going through a doorway. The board requested that he get two more quotes.

A resident requested that the department resume the regular patrols of Ice St. and Mill Street, as had been done last year, as the residents felt that it had been quite effective. Chief McTague responded that he would remind officers to do this.

Carol Demers voiced concern over the group of young boys who ride scooters and bikes near the laundry mat. She would like an officer to speak to them about safety. Chief McTague responded that officers would be on the lookout. He stated that often, parents sent their kids out to play nearby, as it was easier to supervise them close to home, rather than going to the playground.

Chief McTague reported that there had been recent complaints about OHRVs on the railroad bed trails. He spoke with Fish and Game, who told him that the rail bed trail was limited to snowmobiles only, and not OHRVs. Chief McTague put up signs, but was approached by the members of an OHRV club, who

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told him that OHRV use was allowed. Chief McTague is in the process of verifying trail usage with the NH Bureau of Trails. D. Reardon asked him to forward this information to the Greenville BOS.

Resident Henri Vaillancourt reported that there was some online discussion of the hours of coverage by the police department. He stated that some posts claimed that officers were only on duty from 8:00 to 4:00, and left after that. Chief McTague assured the board and residents that the department covered many more hours than that, and would be back to close to regular coverage hours, with the upcoming graduation of a new part time officer.

At 6:43 PM, a motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by C. Mary, to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) and (c) was passed by roll call vote.

At 7:01 PM, the board resumed the public meeting, and a motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by C. Mary to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2016, at 6:00PM in Temple.

These minutes were prepared by E. Maxcy-Humphrey