

FINAL
Temple-Greenville Police Joint Board
Minutes of the Public Meeting
January 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by chair Carla Mary of Greenville. Also attending the meeting were Douglas Reardon of Greenville, George Willard and Gail Cromwell of Temple, Chief McTague and Sergeant Needham. Selectman Ken Caisse of Temple was in attendance as well.

A motion by C. Mary, seconded by G. Cromwell, to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting as written was passed.

2016 BUDGET:

G. Cromwell stated that the Temple Selectmen feel that the costs proposed by Greenville for administrative fees were inflated, and that they will not approve a change to the proposed budget to add these fees.

G. Cromwell proposed a 3 year continuation of the current contract, with the current 39/61 split, and no adjustment for administrative costs.

G. Cromwell stated that Temple feels that they have agreed as far as possible with Greenville's requests for expenses.

D. Reardon stated that he disagreed, and that every request had been shot down by Temple.

G. Cromwell asked if the Greenville's motivation was to save expenses or to have control of the police department.

C. Mary responded that the selectmen want to have control of the department, but that they were putting the issue to the voters at town meeting.

G. Cromwell stated Temple was not interested in contracting with an independent Greenville police department for police services.

D. Reardon stated that this discussion in no way reflects on the police department or its members. He also stated that he was not initially a proponent of the merger.

G. Cromwell stated that Temple concurs regarding the discussion not being about the performance of the department.

G. Willard stated that as a lifelong resident of Temple, he was never excited about the merger, and would like to see an amicable return to separate departments.

Greenville will discuss the issue of administrative costs at their upcoming meeting. C. Mary expressed frustration with this issue. The budget was not finalized.

G. Cromwell stated that the process of dissolving the department should be looked at closely, due to the time limits stipulated in the contract. Items she proposed for discussion include: Inventory of vehicles and equipment and the detail fund.

A motion by C. Mary, seconded by G. Cromwell to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 was passed.

The next meeting will be held on February 1st, at 5:00PM in Temple.