

# **Temple-Greenville Police Joint Board**

## **Minutes of the Public Meeting**

**July 6 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Carla Mary, of Greenville. Also attending were Doug Reardon of Greenville, Gail Cromwell and Bill Ezell of Temple, and Chief McTague.

Chief McTague requested that the board consider raising the starting pay for part time officer recruits to \$12.00 per hour from \$10.00 per hour. This pay rate is in effect while recruits attend the academy and complete field training. Upon successful completion of the part time academy, the pay rate would increase to \$17.00 per hour.

A motion by C. Mary, seconded by D. Reardon to pay new recruits \$12.00 per hour while attending the Part Time Academy, with a raise to \$17.00 upon completion was carried with all in favor.

Chief McTague requested that the board appoint two part time officers, which would fill the openings in the roster. The appointments would be contingent on the candidates passing the background investigations that are in progress, and completing the part time academy, which begins in August and ends in November. The academy hours are comprised of two weeknight sessions and an eight hour Saturday session.

The board met with two candidates for the open part time officer positions.

Jesse Hyam is a 27 year old medical technician with the NH Air National Guard. He has a criminal justice degree, as well as EMT certification, and is highly motivated to become a police officer.

Forrest Coon-Roberts is a 23 year old tree service employee, who became interested in police work after becoming acquainted with T-GPD officers in the course of his work for Asplundh. He is a former Eagle Scout.

D. Reardon stated that as the two candidates come recommended by Chief McTague, who is well respected in the community, and that he respects J. Hyam's military service, and F. Coon-Roberts Eagle Scout accomplishment, he is in favor of appointing both candidates.

A motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by C. Mary to appoint Jesse Hyam and Forrest Coon-Roberts as part time officers, with the condition that they pass background investigations and successfully complete the Part Time Academy was carried with all in favor.

C. Mary suggested to the Temple members and Chief McTague that the term for the upcoming contract for police coverage be extended to five years. Chief McTague responded that he felt that one benefit of an extended contract would be a reduction of attorney fees. No decision was made.

Chief McTague reported that the Independence Day celebrations in each town were relatively quiet. There were some incidences of fireworks being set off, but officers were able to effectively use each town's fireworks ordinances to shut them down. During Greenville's 3<sup>rd</sup> of July event, there was an incidence of a couple of young men speeding down Main Street on motorcycles. They were issued a warning.

The board discussed ongoing drug issues. There were three recent overdoses in Temple, as well as a theft from a Temple business.

At 5:31, a motion by C. Mary, seconded by B. Ezell to adjourn the meeting was carried with all in favor.

The next meeting of the Board will be on August 7, 2017 at 5:00 PM in Temple.