

Temple-Greenville Police Joint Board

Minutes of the Public Meeting

September 18, 2017

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

A motion by D. Reardon, seconded by C. Mary to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2017 meeting as written was passed unanimously.

A motion by D. Reardon, seconded by G. Cromwell to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2017 meeting as written was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Contract Negotiations:

G. Cromwell stated that it would be too difficult at this time for Temple to take over the financial administration of the department. C. Mary asked if Temple would be willing to take over a portion of the cost of the administration. The cost was not available at the meeting, but had been determined by Town Administrator Tara Sousa. The board agreed to address this item at the next meeting, prior to finalizing the contract.

C. Mary stated that she was uncomfortable with extending the contract to a 5 year term, as she didn't want to bind future select boards from making changes. B. Ezell and G. Cromwell stated that they would accept a 3 year contract term.

G. Cromwell stated that the contract did not include a definitive statement regarding the allocation of the detail revolving fund in the event of the dissolution of the contract. She provided proposed wording for this purpose.

"After the payment of all expenses appropriately assigned to the Detail Fund, and the return to Greenville of its initial \$5,000 contribution, the remainder shall be distributed to the two towns in the same proportion as their current share of operational costs."

C. Mary suggested adding the wording as a subsection of item 12. The proposed wording may require approval by each town's attorney, and all changes will be subject to approval by the Attorney General.

Data Base Upgrade:

The board discussed the potential database upgrade, and discussed whether to use a trial license for Microsoft SQL, or to purchase a license. B. Ezell and Elizabeth will work together to determine pricing and usage allowances for each option. B. Ezell stated that SQL can run either on an existing PC, or on a separate server.

Detail Revolving Fund:

The board discussed whether the excess funds could be expended for items that are not detail related. More research into the wording of the original warrant article and the Budget RSA will be needed.

Radar Cart:

Chief McTague explained to the board the department's procedure for placing the radar cart, which includes a log of placement dates and locations. He explained that it was used more on heavily used commuter roads in each town, but that it was also placed according to resident complaints about speeding. He stated that a specific schedule of placements was not workable. C. Mary asked if it was difficult to set up, and asked why it had only been used once so far in September. Chief McTague stated that there was a process to setting the cart, and that often, officers have calls pending as soon as they arrive for the morning shift. He stated that he would speak to Sgt. Needham about increasing the use of the Radar Cart.

Community Outreach:

Chief McTague stated that he was working with Greenville Falls to schedule an Elder Safety class, and that he would be holding a similar class in Temple, at the Town Hall. He presented several items that the department has provided in the

past, including registration folders and crime prevention booklets. He informed the board that pistol permit funds had been used to purchase these items in the past, but that those funds are not currently available to the department. C. Mary said she would like to see more interaction between the PD and residents, and asked if there was a time that kids could view the cruisers and become familiar with officers. Chief McTague stated that this used to happen through the schools in the past, in conjunction with the fire department and ambulance on "Safety Day". He will speak with the other departments to see if this can be reinstated. He also stated that an officer will be going to Temple Elementary School this month to do the required fingerprinting of parent volunteers. Visits are also made by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts either at their meeting locations or at the station.

NEW BUSINESS:

G. Cromwell requested an explanation of the new marijuana law. Chief McTague explained the difficulties of the new law from a law enforcement prospective.

2017 OPERATING BUDGET:

The budget appears to be in line with expectations. G. Cromwell asked about the remaining funds in the building maintenance line. Chief McTague explained that the intent for those funds was to have some of the windows replaced. He has been unable to find a local contractor that has time to quote this job. G. Cromwell stated that Temple's contribution to station maintenance costs could be seen to offset Greenville's cost of administering the finances. Chief McTague noted that he would be checking with officers on winter uniform needs, and that new Part Time Officer Jesse Hyam would need a full set of uniform components upon completion of the academy in November.

Chief McTague stated that the detail cruiser needs a new radiator, and the cost will be paid from the detail revolving fund.

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET:

The major changes to the tentative budget are a wage increase and a change in family status of an officer necessitating an increase to the health insurance line. \$500.00 was added for community outreach. It was noted by C. Mary that the

Property and Liability insurance line could be reduced significantly, because of a reduction in actual costs vs. the proposed 2017 budget. G. Cromwell asked if the property valuation for the station could be reexamined as it seems high, at roughly \$500,000.00.

C. Cromwell asked the chief to confirm that a new cruiser is in the CIP plan. Chief McTague informed the board that he is unhappy with the Fords that have been purchased in the recent past, due to reliability issues, especially the recent carbon monoxide issues that have occurred in other departments. The top contender for a new cruiser is currently the Toyota 4 Runner.

At 5:49PM, the board signed vouchers for ammunition and tires.

Chief McTague informed the board that he will be on vacation for the next two weeks.

G. Cromwell asked the Greenville members if they would consider paving or repairing the Greenville section of Richardson Road. C. Mary stated that they had discussed it, but that funds were needed to repair roads that were used by more residents than Richardson Road.

At 5:51 PM, a motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by C. Mary to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously.