

# Temple-Greenville Police Joint Board

## Minutes of the Public Meeting August 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Bill Ezell. Also attending the meeting were Gail Cromwell of Temple, Maggie Bickford and Doug Reardon of Greenville, Chief McTague, and Greenville Town Administrator Tara Sousa.

### MINUTES:

A motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by D. Reardon to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting as written was passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The board discussed the Detail Revolving Fund seed money. The Greenville Select Board would like the initial \$5,000.00 that was deposited into the account, from Greenville's general fund to be reimbursed from the balance in the Detail Revolving Fund. G. Cromwell read an excerpt from the December 2017 Joint Board Meeting:

*"Chief McTague related the history of the \$5,000.00 seed money to the Detail Revolving Fund. Years ago, when there was a large amount of money earned for earned for details, most of which occurred in Temple, the board at the time discussed the most equitable way to account for these funds, as it had not been specifically addressed in the contract. The Greenville Town Administrator at the time suggested a Detail Revolving Fund, which would take the funds out of the Greenville general fund, to be used for detail related expenses. Rather than splitting the approximately \$10,000 between the two towns, Greenville transferred \$5,000.00 to the seed the Revolving fund, and the remainder stayed in Greenville's general fund. C. Mary stated that with all of the past discussion about the detail fund, that this was the first time that it has been brought up."*

Chief McTague asked if there was a recording of the Greenville Town Meeting at which the Detail Revolving Fund was established, suggesting that it may contain discussion of the funding of the account.

G. Cromwell asked if the Greenville board was in disagreement with the recently renewed contract, which added a clause relating to the detail fund.

She suggested a motion to consider the matter of the detail seed money settled. There was no action on this suggestion. D. Reardon stated that it was not a settled matter for Greenville. T. Sousa stated that under the contract at the time of the establishment of the fund, (2009) all monies collected by the police department were to be deposited in Greenville's general fund. D. Reardon stated that he would like one more look back at the records, before coming to a final resolution.

G. Cromwell asked if we "Temple" had paid for the 2018 Cruiser. Tara explained that the Greenville BOS was waiting for all of the incidental bills to come in before billing Temple.

Chief McTague explained that the cruiser has had the lights and radios installed, and was awaiting the application of the exterior decals. He also reported that the old cruiser had been listed on Craig's List and an offer of \$2,500.00 had been accepted.

D. Reardon inquired about the parking issue on Main Street. Chief McTague responded that there has been no recent parking on sidewalks, since the department had spoken to the resident, but that he expected it to become a problem again in the winter.

At 5:17, the board signed a Pay Rate Change form for Part Time Officer Tony Rizzitano, who was appointed in April. The form was overlooked at that time.

#### BUDGET:

It was reported that the Heating Fuel line would be over budget by \$262.04, due to an increase in the pre-buy contract prices. T. Sousa explained that three bids had been considered, and Brideau Oil, who offers price protections for downward trends was again the better of the offers.

The overall budget is in line with expectations.

#### CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief McTague reported that Michael Lamarre, whose property abuts the station, is paying to have the back of the station painted. Work started this morning.

He reported that there were two arrests on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, one before, and one after the Greenville festivities. The fireworks were canceled, and rescheduled to August 25<sup>th</sup>. The chief

explained that he expected that there might be more problems with this date, since it is on a Saturday, and one of the last fireworks events of the season. D. Reardon stated that the event was not advertised outside of town.

Chief McTague informed the board that he expected to see a spike in the rate of vandalism and other “kid” related activity, due to the start of school. He said that such activity often spikes just before school starts, and continues for the first couple of weeks of school.

The chief reported that an investigation with the Sheriff’s Department drug task force resulted in the arrest of a major local dealer.

M. Bickford asked about which drugs were the biggest problem. Chief McTague stated that heroin was still a big issue, as well as marijuana. The board asked about incidents of Narcan use. Chief McTague said that it was his feeling that there was less need for it, but that he didn’t have statistics, as the drug is administered by ambulance personnel.

D. Reardon asked about recent burglaries. Chief McTague reported that there had been a report of a prowler in homes in Greenville and New Ipswich, and that the department arrested two individuals for trespass and theft in an abandoned house in Greenville last week.

At 5:27 PM, a motion by G. Cromwell, seconded by D. Reardon, to adjourn the meeting, was passed.

The next meeting will be on October 1, 2018, in Greenville.