

OWEN-WITHEE POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Monday, September 16, 2024

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

CITY OFFICIALS:

OWEN: Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, and Jason Thornton

WITHEE: Randy Shelton, Everett Lindgren, and Susan Kalepp

Attendance List: Officer Haugstad, Chief Fehlman, Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Rau, Deputy Clerk, Kelly Booth, Enterprise Sentinel, Cindy Cardinal, Mayor, Scott Jalling

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Jaffke

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes from 9.3.24: Wilczek/Lindgren to approve minutes. Motion Carried.

Union Contract: All changes were made by Teamsters as indicated by the highlighted areas. A Thornton/Shelton motion to approve the contract. Motion carried.

Employment: Chief Fehlman and Officer Haugstad explained the advantages of having a 3rd Officer to the board. The ability to cross over shifts and run the dog at traffic stops is a huge advantage, now it is nearly impossible to do. By doing this we would decrease the known drug problems in our area and possibly deter them from coming into our towns with the use of our dog. The junk ordinance would be able to be followed; the Chief or the second officer would be able to take pictures during the daylight the advantages went on and on. Some of the complaints were about the officers on the same shift and lack of presence at school. The Chief would like to be given a chance to show results! Mr. Lindgren is going to see if a meeting can be held at an earlier date. A Thornton/Kalepp motion to approve moving forward with the posting of a 3rd officer if both municipalities agree on the budget. Motion carried.

Budget: A 2024 Budget Proposal for 2025 was handed out, again, to all with a little increase and some line items eliminated completely. These numbers that were proposed added a 3rd Officer. The numbers were gone over and explained by Chief Fehlman and Officer Haugstad. The main difference is the WRS contribution and Workman's Comp. insurance. Mr. Lindgren is going to see if a Village Board Meeting can be held earlier. A Wilczek/Shelton motion to approve the updated budget and present it to each municipal body. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items/Meeting Date: Date will be determined when needed.

Adjourn: 7:10 pm Lindgren/Kalepp motion to approve. Motion Carried.

Submitted to the best of my ability, Kelly Booth