

OWEN-WITHEE POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

CITY OFFICIALS:

OWEN: Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, and Jason Thornton

WITHEE: Randy Shelton, Larry Klabon, and Susan Kalepp

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes from 9.16.25: A Wilczek/Shelton motion. Motion carried

Savings Account: The balance is \$96,174.82; I would hate to leave us with nothing because I don't know if we saved for a squad. The Chief also thought it would cost approximately \$50,000, WI Surplus is good, but you do not know what you are getting; we have been very lucky so far. Committee Member Wilczek thought moving forward we should be buying new cars. Chairperson Jaffke said we could leave some money in for a cushion. The Chief said that is why we are making the adjustments now making it closer to an operating budget. Committee Member Klabon didn't think the money carried over was proper; when a budget is carried over it should then be put into the next budget going forward. Does the Police Agreement say that? The Chief said the Committee is different than the Village or the City. Committee Member Thornton suggested making the savings a Capital Equipment Replacement Fund. Committee Member Wilczek mentioned that if we disband the savings account it will not be there again; we should at least keep money in there for a squad car. He is on the Finance Committee as well for the city and knows the money that will have to be from Owen is not budgeted or do they have the money lying around. Committee Member Klabon is not in favor of keeping the \$96,000, was it legal? Are we looking for another dog? How much will a dog cost, \$15,000? Committee Members Thornton and Wilczek are not in favor of getting rid of the savings. Officer Haugstad would like to see his car replaced at the same time as the dog, a good 8-10 years. Committee Member Thornton suggested renaming the savings to Equipment Replacement Account? Committee Member Kalepp asked if there would be an overage this year, if there is can it be invested in a CD, what would the rates be? The Chief thought there would be an overage. Committee Member Shelton asked if the cards had full wraps on them, he was pleased to find out we had them especially where we live. After much discussion A Thornton/Wilczek motion to rename to savings account to Equipment Fund (only for equipment purchase) and look into a CD and come back with information to the Committee. Motion carried

Union Contract Amendment: Committee Members Klabon and Jaffke signed the contract with the changes.

Convene into Closed Session: A Wilczek/Thornton motion. Motion carried

At 6:51 pm roll call was taken by the Clerk/Treasurer

Reconvene to Open Session A Kalepp/Wilczek motion at 7:03 pm. Motion carried

Announce Recommendations A Thornton/Shelton motion to give the OW Chief an increase of \$1.25 effective 1/1/2026. Motion carried

Budget: The budget was gone over by the Chief and with the changes the Owen increase would be \$6819.59 and the Withee increase would be \$3672.09 which is 2.875. The Act 12 monies will be adjusted with an increase for Owen of \$3,263.00 totaling \$99,922.00 and Withee \$1,451.23 totaling \$44,129.00. A Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve the 2026 Budget. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: A Klabon/Wilczek motion to approve. Motion carried

Payable Disbursement: A Thornton/Shelton motion to approve. Motion carried

Future Agenda Items: Equipment Fund/CD

Adjourn: 7:25 pm motioned by Kalepp/Wilczek. Motioned carried
Submitted to the best of my ability, Kelly Booth