



ELLSWORTH JEWELL STANHOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**701 Main Street
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Police Board Minutes March 6th, 2025

Called meeting to order at 7:00pm at Jewell City Hall with the following members present: Mick Walker, Steve Butler, Kelly Wirtz, Mindy Hetland, Lori Yager, Jeremy Laube

Reviewed the minutes from February 2025

Motion to approve minutes by Yager, Butler 2nd, all members were in favor of approving minutes.

Monthly report of activity

Financial Report

The board reviewed the monthly report of activity and financial reports. Butler inquired about an expense in the amount of \$129.65. Turpen informed the board this was a purchase for four boxes of nitrile gloves. No other comments or concerns.

Comp time payout for Turpen

Turpen made a request for five hundred and sixty hours of comp time to be paid out, these hours were accumulated since his start date in 2020. Walker presented the employee contract, stating all comp time shall be used within the next period and will not be carried over. Wirtz expressed that compensatory time should be used to take time off instead of monetary compensation. Wirtz made a motion **not** to pay out the requested comp time, Walker 2nd. Butler, Wirtz, Hetland, Walker voted in favor of the motion, Yager and Laube voted against the motion. Motion carried 4-2.

Employee matters

Chief Turpen submitted a letter of resignation, his last day will be March 20, 2025. Walker made a motion to accept the resignation letter, Butler 2nd, all members were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming Events

Spring break is March 17-21, 2025

Ellsworth will be hosting an easter egg hunt on April 19, 2025, at the Ellsworth city park and a pancake breakfast to follow at the community center.

Next meeting will be April 3, 2025, at 7:00pm

City Concerns

Jewell: Walker questioned why the city is getting billed by the Sheriff's office to serve court appearances for nuisance abatements. Chief Turpen referred him to speak with the city attorney.

Stanhope: Wirtz would like to address the parking issues on Main St at the rental properties.

Ellsworth: Would like extra patrol as there have been two possible burglaries in the area.



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Public Concerns

Linda Clark and Lori Yager reported someone had unlawfully entered their homes earlier this week, and since then they have discovered items missing. They are requesting a heavy presence in the area.

Adjourn

Yager motioned to adjourn, Laube 2nd, meeting adjourned at 7:43pm, all in favor.