

ELLSWORTH JEWELL STANHOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Police Board Minutes February 2, 2023

The Police Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Jewell City Hall with the following members present. Winborn, Yager, Reiter, Zanker, Sogard

Members absent Miller

Also Present: Turpen, Morton

Reviewed January 2023 meeting minutes, no concerns with the minutes

Motion to approve Winborn and Yager 2nd – all were in favor of approving minutes

Reviewed January 2023 monthly activity report and financial report

Discussion on the proposed budget for 2023-24 budget year. Members were provided a copy of current budget and 4 options for upcoming budget. These budgets included options to use \$0 – 40,000 from the police sinking fund.

There was discussion brought up by Officer Morton concerning the life insurance payout in our contracts in the event of line of duty death currently \$10,000, there is no line item for this nor is there any funds set aside. He was questioning if we should use all the money from the sinking fund in the event something were to happen. It was decided that if that happened the money would be found and direction was given to start a discussion with the insurance company about having some sort of policy ranging from \$10,000 – 50,000. I will reach out to Melissa for quotes.

Also initially discussed the Charger if we are going to trade it in or sell out right. I will reach out to car dealer to discuss trade in and to WCPD as they expressed interest last year in purchasing both our vehicles. The board wants fair market value for the vehicle. I reached out to WCPD and they may be interested, they wanted information on vehicle and a price before making any decisions.

Budget discussion was had – the differences was reviewed with the board, each member was provided a sheet that outlined the additions and subtractions from the current budget. Wages was the most discussed topic on the budget. It came down to each member writing down their suggestion for increase then an average would be taken. We were asking for a 9% increase to cover COLA for this year which was 8.7%. The votes were: 10,5,9,9,5 for an average of 7.6%. This was discussed amongst the members with some feeling this was too low and others feeling it was to much.

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Sogard motioned for an increase of 8.5%. This motion stayed without a second while the discussion continued. Officer Morton and I offered to leave the room during this time and this offer was declined. After discussion Zanker seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Reiter: No

Zanker: Yes

Winborn: No

Yager: Yes

Sogard: Yes

Motion passed 3 to 2 a wage increase of 8.5% was approved.

Further discussion on the purchase of a new vehicle to replace the charger was had. Included in each board packet was the state bid price for a new 2023 Dodge Durango V6, \$39,920. Also there was a bid from Keltec for new equipment in the vehicle as what is in the charger will not work in the durango, this bid is for \$14,840. This does not include the decals which are estimated at \$1500 – 2000. I budgeted \$17,000, for new equipment in the vehicle. Everyone was in agreement that a new car was in order then there should be no large purchase for several years since we have upgraded other equipment last year.

Budget approval motioned by Winborn with a second by Reiter.

Roll call vote:

Reiter: Yes

Zanker: Yes

Winborn: Yes

Yager: Yes

Sogard: Yes

Budget was approved with using \$40,000 from the police sinking fund, I will contact each city clerk and let them know which budget numbers to use. I had provided each clerk with copies of the proposals so they could have a reference point to start their budgeting process.

Trainings:

We have signed up for a virtual training on mental health to meet the standard through ILEA, this class will open March 1.

Next meeting scheduled for March 2, 2023, at 6:00pm.

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City Concerns:

Jewell: Extra watch at Reiter residence while they are on vacation

The school has been "crazy" the past week and they are requesting an officer be around during dismissal time.

Ellsworth: BB tourney this coming weekend, wild turkey federation meeting 2/10 at the gym

Stanhope: Zanker asked if someone talked to her neighbor about the smoke stack as he has put a longer one on it. Seems to have helped with the issue.

Motion to adjourn Winborn and Reiter 2nd, All in favor. Meeting Adjourned 7:20pm

David A. Turpen