

APPROVED

OWEN-WITHEE POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, January 5th, 2021

LOCATION: Owen Library 414 North Central Ave, Owen WI 54460

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: OWEN: Pam Jaffke, Ken Martine, Bob Wilczek, and Michelle Kind,
WITHEE: Everett Lindgren, Gordy Niemi, and Ellen Niemi-via zoom

OFFICIALS EXCUSED: Randy Shelton

ATTENDANCE LIST: Police Chief/Ibarra

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Nicole Rogers-Sentinel Rural News & Cindy Cardinal-OW
Enterprise

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Minutes

Motion by Wilczek/Martine to approve the minutes for the 12/03/20 meeting– see attached. Motion carried.

Police Report

Chief Ibarra presented the December 2020 call report

Call Summary for 2020 Review:

Item tabled, Wilczek will provide at the next meeting a call summary for 2020 and add and Owen or Withee call out total.

Accounts Payable Disbursements

Motion by Martine/Lindgren to approve the payment of the disbursements from 12/02/2020 to 01-04/2021 for \$17,361.43 current AP with payrolls and Employer Share of Taxes & Retirement - see attached. Motion carried.

Signage for Police Dept Entrance by DJ Metals:

Item tabled to next meeting, Ibarra & Wilczek to review the design and cost for an outdoor sign for the Police Department entrance as well as a co-sign at the road edge of the new building. Lighting of sign, security lighting, and sign placement discussed.

Results of Citizen Outreach Media & Flyer on a 3rd full time Officer Question:

Citizen outreach flyer for Utility billings were mailed in the December billings of both Municipalities. Owen and Withee Clerks collected results and forward to Chief for review. Chief Ibarra would like anyone who has questions to call him to review. Discussion held on hours of officers scheduled and time keeping, officer presents in each community, overlapping hours for officers needed to relay information on cases and is minimal, and moving closer to Withee may increase visibility.

Withee: Yes 54, No 24, Maybe 4

Owen: Yes 19, No 12, Maybe 2

Total: Yes 73, No 36, Maybe 6 = 63% YES

Third Officer Referendum: Verbiage for Ballot:

Motion by Martine/Lindgren to approve the Referendums with cleaning up the verbiage between the City and the Village and forward to each Municipality for approval to add to the April 4/6/21 Election ballot – see attached. Motion carried.

Per the Dept of Revenue, the following should be noted:

The figures were based on the Net New Construction for both Municipalities per the DOR.

The Municipal Levy limit amounts noted on this ballot Referendum will need to be close or similar to the 2021 levy limit worksheet debt service submitted this fall or the DOR will not be able to approve the increase.

If the referendum passes for only one municipality, then both municipalities will need to determine how to proceed. If it is decided that a position for the new full-time officer will not be pursued because only one municipality's referendum passed, then the other municipality that did have the referendum pass will not increase its levy because the purpose for the increase is no longer needed.

If the full-time officer position still happens, then it would be up to the municipality whose referendum did not pass to come up with their share of the money needed to fund this new position of the full-time officer and then the other municipality whose referendum did pass would have the funds available for their share of the full time officer position from the approved referendum.

K-9 Update:

Attorney Wachsmuth donation of \$500 as well as Forward Bank Jean Day fundraiser donation of \$380 was greatly appreciated. A fundraiser is in the works with IGYS, more info to follow.

Suggested Items for Future Agendas

Signage for PD door, road entrance. Mural design.

2020 carryover after all bills are posted and apply to safety equipment of vests, helmets, and ballistic items.

OWPC is invited to the Building Committee meeting to review the punch list with the contractor 1/19/20 at 6:30pm

Jaffke adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kind, Clerk/Treasurer WCMC