

**OWEN-WITHEE POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 5th, 2020

**LOCATION:** 219 North Pine Street, Owen WI 54460

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**OWPD REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, Everett Lindgren, John Frankewicz, Randy Shelton

**CITY OFFICIALS EXCUSED:** Ken Martine

**ATTENDANCE LIST:** Police Chief/Ibarra, Officer Juzwiak,

City of Owen: Clerk/Michelle Kind, Deputy Clerk/Carol Devine, Attorney/Harold Wolfram

Village of Withee: Attorney/Bonnie Wachsmuth, Clerk/Ellen Niemi, Auditor/Larry Soyk, additional Trustees making Village quorum: Susan Kalepp & Gordon Niemi,

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

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

Legal provided a response from the League of Municipalities – see attached.

Village of Withee was also in attendance with quorum and opened their meeting also – see attached minutes from Withee Clerk Niemi.

**Closed Session** Motion by Wilczek/Shelton to go into closed session at 6:04pm pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation which it is or is likely to become involved. Specifically, the current structure and governing of the Owen-Withee Joint Police Department and the Owen-Withee Police Commission/Committee.

The OWPC invited Village & Owen employees and Trustees, Auditor, and Legal into closed session and the Media were excused. Motion carried.

**Open Session** Motion by Frankewicz/Wilczek to go into open session at 7:26pm. Motion carried.

**Changes in Structure** Motion by Wilczek/Shelton to recommend a joint O-W Police Department, to create a joint police commission and joint police committee, and to authorize the legal counsel to prepare the necessary ordinances and resolutions to implement the joint department carried for consideration of changes to the structure and governing of the Owen-Withee Joint Police Department and the Owen-Withee Police Commission/Committee. Motion carried.

**OWPD to Owen PD Fund balance transfer**

Motion by Wilczek/Frankewicz to recommend a transfer of funds from OWPD accounts held to City of Owen Police Dept line item. Motion carried.

**Remaining Fund balance transfer**

Chief Ibarra reviewed the 2019 budget and expenditures.

Motion by Lindgren/Shelton to recommend a balance transfer of \$68,042 from 2019 to 2020 funds.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kind, Clerk/Treasurer WCMC