

To be approved at July 6, 2021 Meeting

OWEN-WITHEE POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, June 1, 2021

LOCATION: Owen City Hall, 833 W. 3rd St., Owen WI 54460

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: OWEN: Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, and Ken Martine

WITHEE: Everett Lindgren, Randy Shelton, and Gordy Niemi.

OFFICIALS EXCUSED:

ATTENDANCE LIST: Police Chief/Ibarra, Officer Juzwiak, Officer Haugstad and Jimi, Owen Clerk Rau and Owen CDC Swiggum.

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Nicole Rogers-Sentinel Rural News & Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise
A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Jaffke.

Minutes

A Martine/Lindgren motion/second to approve the minutes for the 5/4/21 meeting passed unanimously.

Police Chief Resignation:

Chief Ibarra tendered his resignation to the respective Clerks on May 24. His last day would be June 26th but he said he would be willing to stay on until a replacement is found. Gordy Niemi discussed some issues after speaking to the Chief and Officer Juzwiak regarding several issues that need to be addressed. The first being a lack of communication between the Department, Committee, Village, City and even the public regarding the several issues at hand. Public support for a good team of officers would go a long way toward keeping officers here. It is not the only reason for the resignation and some personal issues also. Officer Juzwiak also tendered his resignation at this time and has a tentative final day as June 15th. After a lengthy discussion, a Wilczek/Lindgren motion/second to go into closed session on June 15th to discuss solutions and issues passed unanimously.

Police Chief Position:

A Wilczek/Shelton motion/second to table this discussion until the meeting on June 15th passed unanimously.

Police Report

Chief Ibarra presented the May 2021 call report. A Niemi/Martine motion/second to approve the Police Report passed unanimously.

K-9 Update:

Jimi was introduced to the OWPC and "sworn in" by Clerk Rau. Wilczek brought up a grant that can be applied for that would help with expenses for Jimi and Officer Haugstad. Haugstad spoke about his time at training and how much he and Jimi are going to enjoy being partners. A Facebook page will be created soon and Jimi will be visiting the schools often. Haugstad and Jimi will be attending ongoing training in Wausau with a K-9 Handlers Group.

School Resource Officer Update:

Wilczek indicated that he had talked to Bob Houts and we will know more later on the funding for the SRO.

Equipment Updates:

We may need some special equipment for Jimi. His cage needs to be D.O.T. Certified. There is a back order on some equipment. At this time a kennel is on hold to see what will work best.

Building Updates for PD:

Wilczek reported that the wall insulation has not been completed yet. The railing offered by Lindgren has not been checked into at this time.

Accounts Payable Disbursements

A Wilczek/Shelton motion/second to approve the payment of the disbursements through June 1, 2021 of \$15,666.48 for current AP with payrolls passed unanimously.

Suggested Items for Future Agendas

K-9 Cage, School Board SRO Report, Equipment Updates for July regular meeting.

Jaffke adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Submitted by

Tim Swiggum