

July 9, 2020
Police Committee Meeting

A Police Committee meeting was held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at the Community Building. Dave Tiffan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Trustees present were Matt Bernius, Justin Ray, Christy Miller, Dave Tiffan, and Jenni Marner. Also present were President Rod Randall and Police Chief Mike Goodman. Visitors present were Barry Burnett, Officer John Lulek, Taylor Lulek, Sergeant Shaun Meredith, Amanda Meredith, and Officer Brock Thoms.

Public Comment

Barry Burnett spoke of his support for Police Chief Mike Goodman and the entire Police Department. Mr. Burnett voiced his concern regarding speeding on Prairie Street and his fear of an accident happening.

New Business

1. Discussion took place regarding speeding on Prairie Street west of town. President Randall noted he would like a plan developed to reduce speed and risk of accidents. Discussion took place on signage that could be used, including solar-powered speed radar signs, changing current signs, adding flashing lights, and contacting the township for help. Chief Goodman noted that traffic coming from the west is especially concerning. The speed trailers have been monitoring vehicles traveling that road, and a large percentage are traveling over the speed limit. Discussion took place on issuing more speeding tickets in that area and having officers monitor the road closely. M. Bernius recommended issuing a press release about the area and inform the public that more Police monitoring will take place on that road. M. Bernius also recommended that purchasing a speed radar sign be included on the next Board meeting agenda for approval.
2. Discussion took place to better understand procedures and operations of the Arthur Police Department. Chief Goodman provided Board members with information regarding Police shifts, how they work, and why shifts overlap at times. Chief Goodman provided statistical information regarding days of the week and times of the day when most service calls are received. He explained the different types of service calls and how they are responded to. In the last twelve months there have been 273 arrests. M. Bernius thanked the Police department for the job they are doing. Board members noted that many small towns do not have 24/7 Police staff, and Arthur is very fortunate to have this. Chief Goodman thanked the Police Committee for the opportunity to inform the Board about how the Police department works.
3. Chief Goodman encouraged Board members to ride-along with a Police officer to learn even more about the Police department, mandates, traffic stops, and issuing warnings. M. Bernius asked what information determines if an officer runs a vehicle's license plate. M. Bernius inquired about a recent community event where Police cars circled often. Chief Goodman looks for opportunities for the community and officers to get to know each other better. One specific Police stop was discussed. Mike Kingery was pulled over for a covering on his license plate. It was an eleven-minute stop, and he was issued a

warning. Mr. Kingery spoke with President Randall, Chief Goodman, and the Village Board about this stop.

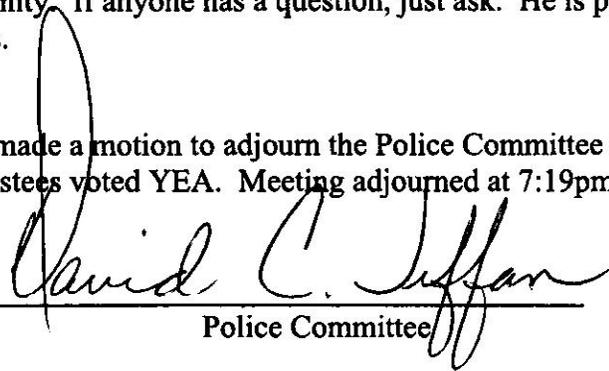
General Discussion

- Sergeant Meredith stated that he welcomed question from the Board and from the community. If anyone has a question, just ask. He is proud of the department and the officers.

Adjourn

- J. Ray made a motion to adjourn the Police Committee meeting. R. Randall seconded. All Trustees voted YEA. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

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Police Committee

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Village Clerk

DATE

7-20-20