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Town of Mason**

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Selectmen/PD Staff 09/14/2021
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Charles Moser, Kate Batcheller, Pete McGinnity; Jen Tenney – admin asst; Chief Kevin Maxwell

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order 6:32 PM by Chair Pete McGinnity, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

Discussed year to date police department budget:

- Police cruiser is over budget. Chief explained this is from unforeseen changes, essentially a product of the times, that was not factored in when the proposal was put together. Chief suspects this overage can be covered from the extra funds in the police department budget. Selectmen and Chief agree that any extra funds from the part time wages budget will be used to cover this overage.
- Following up from the concern regarding the increase in electricity – this is found to be accurate from increased Eversource rates. It was discussed that there is a portion of the bill going towards paying off improvements that were previously made by the Mason Energy Commission. Pete will meet with the Bookkeeper and they will reach out to Mason Energy Commission to make sure that the appropriate percentages are being applied to the police budget.
- Selectmen asked Chief to begin putting together the police budget for next year. Chief explained that he has been slowly trimming the general budget, it is likely as low as he can get it, and he may need to have an increase in certain areas for next year's budget.
- This year there were a few unforeseen expenses for equipment.
- Chief would like to take \$2 per mile from detail work, this will be discussed with the Bookkeeper.
- Chief would like to know where in the budget the money from quarry tickets has been applied? Pete will check with the Bookkeeper.

Personnel discussion:

- Chief would like to do more training. Discussed the potential of doing contract training where you pay a flat rate versus hiring someone to do training. Chief would also like specialized training, tailored to the current officers. Selectmen asked Chief to get number's together for the proposed budget.

- Chief discussed overall there is a national shortage in the police force. Concerned that if and when we need to hire anyone, it will be difficult to find a candidate. Would like to rediscuss previous changes made to benefits from cuts made years ago.

Miscellaneous discussion:

- No new court activity since last meeting but Chief will be prepping for a trial at the end of the month
- Old Home Day went very well
- There was a sexual assault investigation done since the last meeting
- There was a recent juvenile case that resulted in a stabbing
- Future Range Concerts have been cancelled due to band concerns, not due to negative interactions with the Range
- There have been minimal involvement/concerns with the quarry or with any drug concerns
 - Charlie will get Quarry Parking proofs to Selectmen
- Firearms training will start soon now that the weather has cooled down
- Quotes have been received for the basketball court, Pete to look into available funds

Adjournment: There being no further business, Pete motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Kate-aye, Pete-aye, Charlie-aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Next regular staff meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Town Hall at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Tenney

BOS Administrative Assistant