

OWEN-WITHEE POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

CITY OFFICIALS:

OWEN: Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, and Jason Thornton

WITHEE: Randy Shelton, Everett Lindgren, and Susan Kalepp

Attendance List: Officer Haugstad, Chief Fehlman, Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Rau, Deputy Clerk, Kelly Booth, Enterprise Sentinal, Cindy Cardinal, and Mary Rosejka

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Jaffke

Public Comment: Mary Rosejka inquired about the Withee Ordinance of cleaning up old junk vehicles; she was referred to the OW Police Commission meeting from the Village meeting. Chief Fehlman thanked her for taking the time to come and address the issue. After he finishes up with the one he is working on cleaning up in Withee he will be able to gage how much time is spent, and how many citations were given to fix the resolution.

Approve Minutes from 4.2.24: Lindgren/Wilczek to approve minutes. Motion Carried.

Quarterly Call Report: Being it was July, Chief Fehlman printed one report that was passed around; unfortunately, the stops all say Owen (populates Owen on all tickets) does not recognize Withee. Officer Haugstad presented a google map of all the stops in 2023 and anyone could ask questions. It was asked if things seemed better with in the school this year compared to last and both officers shed light on the past couple years. There was an increase in THC/Tabacco use this year, disorderly conduct was down some compared to years past. The truancy seems to be steady, and the Chief met with the new principals and elementary principal at the end of the year to stay on top of this issue for next year.

Garage Update: Chief Fehlman currently has one print out from a gentleman. At this point the mice seem to be chewing through everything and making nests where they should not. The police department was thanked for taking care of the vehicles as much as they have. We may need to have an emergency meeting to get this garage complete for them, it may be more cost effective to rebuild versus redo the current building; we may need to move the building more towards the city hall.

Equipment/K9 Updates: Jimi is doing better, changing his medication and diet so far has worked. When he is totally better Officer Haugstad will make a public announcement. The deer was hit with Officer Haugstad's car not the Crown Vic. The damage was minimal to the car and will be fixed by S&S Collision; the insurance has sent a check for the damage and the car will be fixed. Another example of good maintenance to vehicles by the police staff.

Finance Report: Wilczek/Shelton motion to approve. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable/Disbursements: Thornton/Wilczek motion to approve. Motion Carried.

Future Agenda Items: Garage update, Sept. Budget, 3rd officer, what is our job as a committee?

Adjourn: 6:09 pm Lindgren/Shelton motion to approve. Motion Carried.

Submitted to the best of my ability, Kelly Booth