

Village of Goodfield

Combined Finance & Police

Committee Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023 @ Village Hall

President Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Finance Chairman Matt Ginder and Finance & Police committee member Hank Melton. Also present were Police & Finance Committee member Hank Melton, Village President Jim Edwards, Attorney Mike Gifford, Trustees Terry Nohl, Roger Mullins and Terri Kuebler, Bill Lally, Teresa DeGrave (Treasurer) and Josh Nohl (Administrator), Sheri Martin (Clerk) and Emily Zobrist.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the establishment of a Village Police Department and related financial issues. Trustee Terri Kuebler asked about passing the ordinance to establish a PD before the Comprehensive surveys were back. The Board passed the ordinance to establish a Police Department to get things started, if things do not work out it can be dissolved. The surveys we have received at the Village have shown support for Police Protection. Trustee Nohl asked how much will this cost and how are we going to pay for it? Treasurer DeGrave passed out a Total Cash Assets Available and Reserved sheet and reviewed what funds are available to use for a Police Department. Treasurer said we need to know cost and where the money will come from. She said a Police Department typically is 22% - 35% of expenditures of the General Fund. PWA Nohl, Treasurer DeGrave and Emily Zobrist will soon be starting on the budget. They need to know what the costs for a Police Department will be. Trustee Melton said we have taken the 1st step in establishing a PD, we will figure out the costs.

Bill Lally presented a preliminary budget. Preliminary estimated budget for a Goodfield PD is approximately \$152,943. When you subtract fine money, DUI fees, Ordinance violations, grants, etc., Bill feels total cost would be close to \$137,433. Bill will get start up fees to the Village by November 15th.

Bill informed the Board that at the October Board Meeting an ordinance was passed to establish a Village Police Department. We still need to pass a separate stand-alone ordinance for part time police officers.

There are grants the Village can apply for – Standard Operating Procedure for use of force. Montgomery Township Agreement should be considered. A badge/patch will need to be designed. Other costs include squad car (~\$30,000), 1 taser (~\$500) and uniforms. Bill also recommends the Board limit how much Police Chief can spend without Board approval.

Bill has proposed a staged approach for the Village PD:

Phase 1 – Creation of Department

Phase 2 – Equipping and Housing of Department

Phase 3 – Staffing and Training

Phase 4 – Full Model

There being no further business, Motion was made by Nohl, seconded by Mullins to adjourn the Police Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Nohl, seconded by Kuebler to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully,

Matt Ginder
Chairman, Finance Committee

Hank Melton
Police Committee Member