

Village of Goodfield  
Police Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2023  
At Village Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sauder @ 7:00 pm. Present were Police Committee Members Nate Sauder, Matt Ginder and Hank Melton, President Jim Edwards, Attorney Mike Gifford, Trustees Roger Mullins and Terry Nohl, Clerk Sheri Martin and Bill Lally.

The committee discussed the police contract with the Village of Deer Creek. The contract from Deer Creek did not contain any of Goodfield's requests from the previous Police Committee Meetings. Since the last meeting several items have come up:

- only 3-4 officers in department
- no coverage 2-3 nights per week
- asking \$108,000/year for contract

Attorney Mike Gifford stated that the contract expired on April 30, 2023. Mike spoke with Deer Creek's attorney McGrath who said Deer Creek is informally extending coverage but they need to have a signed contract. None of the request for police coverage or changes discussed by Goodfield in the committee meetings were made to the contract. Attorney Gifford stated that because there is no signed contract if Deer Creek PD comes to Goodfield there is no coverage.

President Edwards talked to Matt Smith and Jeff Lower regarding possibly having some coverage from Woodford County. Unless you enter into a contract with the County police they cannot enforce Village ordinances.

There was much discussion on Goodfield starting its own Police Department. Consensus of the Board was that there would need to be feasibility study done. Other things to think about are liability of a Police Dept., what kind of service Goodfield wants, how many hours and when, cost for officers, conducting investigations and a facility.

Bill Lally was in attendance and said he is glad to help, if asked. He spoke about possible grants available: Cops Grant, Tobacco Compliance Grant and IDOT officers patrol grant. Bill also said ISU has grant writing and will check into if they could help. Resources to help with the Comprehensive Plan – IL Training & Standard Board.

It was suggested to take the money we are spending on Deer Creek PD now and put it into a fund to save for possibly starting Goodfield PD. Attorney Mike Gifford will check to make sure that is legal.

Attorney Gifford said something needs to be said to Deer Creek that there is no contract or status quo. President Edwards will check with Matt Smith about Montgomery Township. Edwards will have Matt Smith also send a letter to Deer Creek.

Motion was made by Melton, seconded by Ginder to recommend to Village Board to terminate contract with Deer Creek PD and start working on feasibility study along with the Comprehensive Plan and have Attorney Mike Gifford check with the IRS as far as earmarking funds for future police operations.

There being no further business, Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nate Sauder  
Police Committee Chairman