

Village of Goodfield

Police Committee / Health, Safety & Maintenance Committee Meeting
February 26, 2019 at the Village Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Chairman Jim Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Committee members Terry Nohl, Todd Perry and Matt Ginder were present. Also present were Trustees Nate Sauder and Roger Mullins and Chief Brad Potts and Deer Creek Police Committee Chairman Ben Koch.

The agenda for the meeting was to discuss the Police Contract.

Ben Koch, Deer Creek Police Committee Chairman, advised the Committee that Deer Creek is asking for a 7% increase in the Police Contract. Chairman Edwards asked if that meant the \$100,000 contract fee President Hackney quoted was off the table. Ben said that the \$100,000 is off the table.

Chairman Edwards still has a problem with Article IV of the contract. Deer Creek is assuming all liability and assets. Now employee benefits, insurance, FICA, etc. are included in the costs of the budget, which previously were not in the budget. Matt Ginder felt Article IV meant any liabilities associated with any of the items contained therein, not just the payments for them. Ben Koch will get clarification from Deer Creek attorney on just what Article IV means. Ben Koch asked if Goodfield is asking for Deer Creek instead of doing the budget calculations based on entire Police Budget are we asking them to do calculations without those items included and for Deer Creek to pay that separately and then run the numbers? Chairman Edwards agreed that is what Goodfield is asking. Ben then asked do you want a fee for service or a partnership? Chairman Edwards stated Goodfield wants it to stay a fee for service. Ben then said the 7% increase in the contract, \$90,804 is a fee for service and Deer Creek will worry about the rest. He said Goodfield is paying for 45% of the budget and is getting more than 75% of benefits.

Radios were discussed and Chief Potts stated that 2 radios are enough to get them by. Chairman Edwards asked about Goodfield purchasing the 2 radios and not increasing the contract. Ben Koch said if the department owns them and not Goodfield that would be ok. Chief Potts said if Goodfield would buy the 2 radios it would cost more than the 7% increase Deer Creek is asking for. Chief Potts also said Goodfield would have seen a reduction in the contract had it not been for the costs of the radios and that he does not foresee the contract fee to exceed \$100,000 for at least 10 years. Matt Ginder said that over the last 5 years the average increase has been 6.75%, over the last 10 years the increase has been over 5%.

Chairman Edwards stated Goodfield was hoping to have another contract with Deer Creek Police Department but also feels other police protection options should be explored.

Hours of patrol were discussed. Goodfield stated they did not want Saturday daytime patrol hours, but Deer Creek continued Saturday daytime patrols and scheduled Sunday daytime patrol hours. Goodfield would like to know how many hours are spent in Goodfield and Montgomery Township and also would like an account of revenue from Goodfield and Montgomery Township in fine money.

Chief Potts feels it would cost Goodfield \$200,000 to \$250,000 to start up our own Police Department.

Brad is working with the County Board to get increase to Public Safety Fund. Tazcom is looking to go to Starcom, just not immediately. Deer Creek is willing to help pay for the radios even though at first it will only benefit Goodfield. Ben said it is the goal of the Deer Creek Police Committee to bring budget costs back down since making a lot of first time purchases.

Chief Potts encouraged Goodfield to sign contract by April Board Meeting because if no agreement is made the contract terminates April 30th. Chairman Edwards said Goodfield attorney Tim Gronewold should review language of contract.

Roger Mullins asked if the \$90,804 would include communications fees or if those are billed directly to Goodfield. Chairman Edwards will find that out.

Terry Nohl said he has heard from Goodfield residents that they never see squad car and that police are not friendly like they used to be.

Chairman Edwards checked with Woodford County and they would charge \$45/hour to have one of their officers patrol Goodfield.

Chairman Edwards feels a 5% increase would be a good counter offer to Deer Creek. He asked the committee does Goodfield see us having our own Police Department in the future or do we continue under the contract with Deer Creek. Matt Ginder feels at some point Goodfield will decide to go on our own, but not sure when that will be. Chairman Edwards feels growth may determine when the time comes to start our own Police Department. This will be discussed at the March Regular Board meeting but for now, the consensus of the committee is to counter offer a 5% increase on current contract with Deer Creek and to ask for a monthly schedule and accountability of hours spent in Goodfield and Montgomery Township. An account of revenue from Goodfield and Montgomery Township fine money should also be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Edwards
Police Committee Chairman