

September 17, 2018

The Special Meeting of the Joint Town/Village Police Commissioners was held on September 17, 2018, at the Nunda Government Center Building, at 6:00 PM with the following present:

Village Police Commissioner: Mel Allen
Town Police Commissioner: Michael Hillier
Town Police Commissioner: Randall Morris
Village Police Commissioner: Darren Snyder

Village Attorney: Mason Meyer

Nunda Police Department Representative: Officer Ryan Dale

Clerk: LeRoy Wood

Citizens: Merilee Walker Mechelle Gillen

Commissioner Snyder - called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

Roll Call: All present.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Commissioner Snyder

Privilege of the Floor:

Commissioner Snyder welcomed Village Attorney Mason Meyer. Attorney Meyer discussed the 50/50 split in the budget as both municipalities have adopted a budget over the past three years and has by de facto purposes created the 50/50 split for the expenditures of this joint venture.

Commissioner Morris stated that he could not find a resolution from the Town on the 50/50 split and that should the Town pass a resolution. Attorney Meyer stated it is within the right of the governing Town Board to pass such a resolution.

Attorney Meyer then discussed the title of Police Chief as the position is empty at this time. Attorney Meyer stated he believed the Police Department should be required to have a Chief of Police. Commissioner Hillier handed an information sheet with dialogue discussing with Livingston County Personnel Officer the requirements of a municipality in having an individual as a Police Chief.

Commissioner Snyder mentioned are the Village and Town supposed to have designated police officers. Attorney Meyer mentioned GML 121-A does mention the designation of separate officers for each municipality. Commissioner Hillier mentioned past practices with police officers being paid from one fund. Attorney Meyer mentioned past practice is past practice and that there is a duty to act accordingly. Commissioner Hillier stated should we start from scratch then, are we opening up Pandora's Box? Discussion continued on the continuity of the way the Police Department is being run at this time along with GML 121-A. Commissioner Morris asked if a joint resolution should be passed to provide for the 50/50 split in expenses with the Police Department. Attorney Meyer stated a joint resolution should take place.

Commissioner Snyder asked if the agreement between the two municipalities could be wrapped up by December. Commissioner Hillier asked if the agreement could be wrapped up by October Police Commissioner's Meeting. Commissioner Allen stated the Village Attorney can now get with the Town Attorney to formulate an agreement by October 1st. Commissioner Allen thanked Village Attorney Meyer for his attendance at this meeting.

New Business:

A. Police Chief

MOTION was made by Commissioner Morris to nominate for appointment Police Officer Ryan Dale as the new Joint Police Department Police Chief, seconded by Commissioner Hillier. Carried 4-0.

Police Chief Dale mentioned what expectations are you looking for from the Police Department?

Commissioner Morris stated training, documented training. Commissioner Morris stated the perception of this department needs to better.

Commissioner Hillier mentioned community policing.

Commissioner Snyder mentioned continuity. Commissioner Snyder also mentioned about the Chief getting out and about in the community.

Commissioner Snyder asked the Chief about evaluations of the police officer. Chief Dale stated he believed they were completed about four years ago.

Commissioner Allen stated he thinks there should be an annual evaluation of all officers.

Chief Dale stated he did meet with the Town Supervisor Walker on the Police budget.

Commissioner Allen asked if the old Police Chief turned-in all equipment. Chief Dale stated yes, however, he would check inventory records to make sure.

Commissioner Morris asked about weapons and ownership. Chief Dale stated all but one firearm is owned by the Nunda Police Department.

Commissioner Hillier asked about transitioning into using .45 caliber firearm. Discussion on transitioning took place among Board Members and the Police Chief. Financing the transition was a concern due to cost of each weapon.

Chief Dale stated he is working on current inventory of all Police Department equipment, including uniforms.

Chief Dale mentioned the purchase of a vehicle. Ford and Chevrolet police vehicles were discussed with additional newer quotes to be obtained along with pricing for conversion of the new vehicle.

Commissioner Snyder asked the Police Chief how many officers do you really need? Chief Dale was still evaluating his departmental needs.

Commissioner Allen stated if the Chief needed any assistance with new personnel, the Commissioners Board would be more than happy to assist.

Chief Dale did recognize a staffing issue and that he is still evaluating his department.

Chief Dale mentioned he is working on the image of the Police Department and is entertaining a change to the image at a low cost to the department.

Chief Dale and the Commissioners did review the current budget briefly.

Commissioner Morris congratulated the new Police Chief and left the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Commissioner Allen welcomed the new Police Chief and was glad the appointment came from within the department.

Discussion on equipment and safety gear took place. Commissioner Snyder mentioned that it would be good to have safety be the number one priority for right now.

The remaining commissioners thank Chief Dale for his enthusiasm and congratulated him on his new position.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Hillier at 8:00 PM. Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

LeRoy J. Wood
Clerk to the
Police Commissioners Board