

**Village of Westville**  
**Police Committee Meeting**  
**Wed., December 07, 2022      6:00pm**

Committee Chairman Ellis and committee members Sandlin and Gallion were present, as well as Mayor Weese and Village Clerk Slavik. Sgt. Varvel, Officer Wahlfeldt representing the Police Department. Chief Booe joined a little later.

Mayor Weese called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m.

Ellis started the discussion on the need to get someone in for an interview with the Mayor and to also consider the cost of sending them to school. They have been talking to Andrew Nickle; he has worked for us before. Booe is contemplating retirement early Spring or by July. There is a spot the first week of January for training, but we could not have someone ready by then. The next training opening would be April and training time would put them out the middle of July. Varvel asks if Booe leaves in April, could we interview Nickle now; Gallion asked if Varvel thought Nickle would be willing to interview now. The January training (worked into a 1-yr., 3-yr. - yr. schedule) is a 1-year training in the cycle. There will be a training facility in Danville soon.

Ellis asked if Nickle decides not to work in Westville, when would the next class be. Varvel said one starts the first week of January at both U of I and Springfield; not sure about Decatur or Belleville. Gallion wondered about Nickle starting before April.

Booe joined the meeting and when asked, said he will leave at the end of July and use his comp time between now and then. They still want Nickle to interview as soon as possible.

Squad Car: There was \$140,000.00 remaining in the police equipment fund. They had talked about paying for cameras out of that. Varvel said the issue with the cameras is that we are set up with WatchGuard now. If we go over \$25,000.00, we are required to go through the state bid process. For the county grant, Weese said we sent a letter stating how we have used our ARPA money as part of the application process, but that grant was more about gas and water. Varvel said we still need two squad car cameras (we have ordered three and need two more). It would be around \$32,000.00. They also need three extra body cameras; those are \$2,000.00 each.

The police want to replace the Taurus. Varvel said if we ordered now, we may be lucky to get one by April. It would be electric. Ellis asked the amount to get a squad road ready. Varvel said it has gone up since we ordered two years ago; around \$55,000.00 now. They can check with Tilton, as their squads are the same as ours and they have purchased more recently. There is around \$123,000.00 left in the equipment fund. Varvel said we have ordered and used \$23,000.00 and would still have \$80,000.00-90,000.00 in the budget. The Taurus has a scrapped title. We would take our computer/radio (what we can use) out of it. They would consider selling it to a smaller town. Ellis asks if it makes sense to pursue replacing the Taurus. Weese asked Varvel to come up with a cost by the December meeting agenda. Possibly put Nickle on the agenda once they talk to him. Ellis asked when the county would decide on the grants and Weese said they would meet on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.