

Mayor Weese called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Committee Chairman Ellis, Committee Members Sandlin and Gallion. Also present was Mayor Weese, Trustees Hughes, Delhaye, McFadden, Treasurer Larson and Village Clerk Slavik.

The meeting was called to discuss budget adjustments. Police Chief Booe said other towns have increased their part-time wages again; Weese said we cannot keep raising it. Catlin is \$22.50/hr, Georgetown is \$22.00/hr, Tilton is \$21.00/hr. For our openings, we have two candidates that are being evaluated now and after the background checks they will be presented to the Mayor.

Larson said we received \$133,000.00 last year from the CURES grant and used police salaries to back its use. Larson said PNT revenue is way down; hiring the fourth full time officer agreement was that PNT would pay the auto and supply costs. Village would pay for gas, salaries, and insurance. The Gas Fund subsidized that and was to be reimbursed as PNT money was collected. We got two new cars last year and the Gas Fund covered it. He said we could put the \$133,000.00 into the police fund to repay the Gas Fund and there should be \$40,000.00 to finish covering PNT shortfalls this year. Slavik pointed out that for required reporting purposes, the grant would need to be shown as added to the police salaries line item to cover their salaries and then what was budgeted in that line item already for salaries could be used elsewhere because the grant money cannot be used just anywhere under the guidelines. It is not supposed to be listed as an individual line item. She said that we reported that it covered salaries. Larson said the police pay for software for the cars and a payment on one car. That is \$1500.00 monthly out of the PNT. Booe said some PNT's are paid through Night Court. Larson said it is not feasible to expect police to pay for all their supplies through PNT when they are not collecting. Varvel said with being short-handed; they are not able to make the traffic stops like before. Larson said only e-citations, vehicle and warrant fees go into PNT fund. There is a separate DUI fund. Varvel said a lot of the PNT's came from between 3-5am and we do not have the staff currently. Varvel wrote two grants. We are eligible for 150,000.00 from the Dept. of Justice. One grant was written for cameras in the cars (at about \$7,000.00 each). Cameras will be required in a couple of years. The other grant was for computers to replace those that will soon be outdated. Larson said that taxes we collect currently have been higher than in other years and is not decreasing. Jan 1 of 2025 is when body cameras will be due. The cameras grant that Varvel wrote is for auto cameras. All feed from the cameras will go to one box.

Ellis pointed out police have a line item for building repairs. He would like a 4–5-year plan for a new police station. The current building is deteriorating.

Varvel had the prices for the app from GoGov for message pushing to residents, ordinance violation management and complaint management. The cost would be \$11,500.00 and would break down to \$6,000.00 for the request portion and \$5,500.00 for the code enforcement section. The messaging portion is included. This will be on the next agenda and could be tried for year to see if it works like it should. It would save the police a lot of time. Currently everything is on paper. They would give the Village Clerk a log in and then she can extract letters for violations and progress notifications and mail them.

Mayor Weese entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:05p.m. Motion by Sandlin; second by Ellis. Motion carried.