

At the Township Hall, Lewistown, Monday, 8:00 AM on November 13, 2023

The Washington Township Trustees met in special session on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 8:00 AM at the township hall with Trustees Tucker Berg, Don Lewis and Jason Faulder present. Others present: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, Police Chief Thompson and Zoning Inspector, Gary Bias.

**Trustee Berg – Advised this special meeting is to discuss personnel and roles/responsibilities for a Nuisance Control Officer as well as outdated equipment and purchasing new.**

Trustee Berg: We discussed at the last meeting hiring a person to take on the nuisance control officer especially with the vehicles and nuisance properties. What type of pay setting do we want to do?

Trustee Faulder: If PD is going to take over the nuisance officer role then how do you feel about it Chief? Would you be hiring another officer or a retiree? What's your thought on that? Chief Thompson: I have somebody that has applied for the position. Logan Brown worked at the Logan County Sheriff's office but just resigned from there. He is full-time at the EMS as Lieutenant now. He brings a lot of things other than just nuisance properties. I have all of his paperwork and would be ideal. Kind of like what you did – nuisance officer but could help out as police officer as well. My recommendation is to hire him as a police officer at \$20/hr. and then we just need to figure out how many hours he can work. Trustee Faulder: He can help you out sometimes but we want this person to primarily be our nuisance control officer. If someone comes in and makes a nuisance or vehicle complaint that's what we are looking for, a nuisance control officer to handle those complaints. I think 20-30 hrs. a month, Gary is that about right? Gary: Yes, that would be really close, I spend about two hours a day. Chief Thompson: I would recommend we hire him part-time working 50 hrs./month, because now he will be doing all of the paperwork and could help us out now and then when needed. Trustee Faulder: That's fine as long as he is focusing on the nuisance properties and if he has the available hours to help beyond that, ok but we want to keep an eye on that. Chief Thompson: He can take care of all of the impound car sales that I'm doing now and would help a lot. Trustee Faulder: Lisa, hours wise for road work or extra details, we don't need to do a deviation. Fiscal Officer Miller: No deviation between the two roles is needed. He has 50 hours a month but will primarily be a nuisance control officer. If Chief Thompson needs him to help with impound cars or whatever he needs help with, the pay is the same as long as he has the hours available. Trustee Faulder: We need to figure out a transition so Gary can explain current flow that he is using and then you can take over from there. Chief Thompson: I want to understand the policy because aren't we able to do a resolution for the Mees property? Gary: The last time you were out there he called Gary and said whoever was there said they would give him more time. And, we don't have a disabled car policy and then does Wren's tow them, etc.? We can do it under nuisance description but any legal thing for towing disabled vehicles. Chief Thompson: Wren's said they would tow them and can wait to be paid when car sells. Gary: If Trustees declare it a nuisance then you can action against it – in court or fine them. I get frustrated because fining them doesn't work. Chief Thompson: He will need uniforms and vests but I have most of the other gear. Fiscal Officer Miller: Didn't we get new vests not long ago from Axom? Trustee Berg: Can we add or modify the policy unsightly debris. Trustee Faulder: This is where I think Mike & Logan is going to need to sit down with Gary and then Legal Council as the courts don't really support us. Maybe try Matt who we have a retainer with. Our free legal council most times is too busy to help us. Chief Thompson: Do we sight under ORC code or by resolution? Trustee Faulder: I don't know that you can cite them under a resolution? Chief Thompson: Yeah, you can. I talked to Crystal - 505.87 is probably the township code. Trustee Faulder: Gary, you're OK with training Logan then until he knows it? Gary: Yes, sure. Chief Thompson: Do we have an account at the post office? Fiscal Officer Miller: Not anymore. We used to and it was so nice but then they took all monies out those accounts and returned it to the owners and advised no more. I think it was hard to manage for them. Chief Thompson: We'll keep track of everything we did. Fiscal Officer Miller: Discussion regarding electronic with ability to print out for courts when/if needed. You could scan any docs into the tablet, take pictures as needed, etc. Store electronically but have easy access to print what you need, too so I would use a tablet. I don't mind doing the resolutions but haven't ever done them before. I could also create them if you give me some examples, get Trustees signature, copies to you and original with me for audit purposes.

Chief Thompson: If we come up with a way to simplify this and we feel would work better can I make an appt to go see Matt Watson rather than Eric who is usually too busy to see us. Trustees: Yes

**Trustee Faulder made a motion to hire Logan Brown as a Nuisance Control Officer working part-time not to exceed 50 hours per month and \$20 an hour. Trustee Berg seconded. A vote was taken and all answered "Aye" motion approved 3-0**

**Cruiser Discussion:** Trustee Faulder: We need to discuss the old cruiser and the equipment that's in it. We did approve the cruiser at the November 9<sup>th</sup> special meeting but not the equipment. Chief Thompson: Lease cost is \$24,760.51 for first year of a three year lease. Problem we're having with the 2012 cruiser is we are on our fourth brake booster in that car. John can't get the brake boosters so we're taking them to Leonard's and costing us a lot of money. Almost 300,000 miles on it. Radio is a Motorola but in Feb/Mar they are switching to two-factor authentication. There's nothing from that car that's salvageable. The light bar is the only thing that works and we could sell it on gov.deals, same with the car. Probably keep the cage in it to give it more value. Strip most everything out of it.

The \$24,761.00 that you guys approved for the Dodge they're telling me they think I'll have the car this spring. So as soon as I get a purchase order sent to them...Fiscal Officer Miller: You told me the new Dodge would be here in November. We're paying the 2022 cruiser's last payment in the spring so depending on how much you carry over you may or may not have the funds to pay two cruiser payments next spring. We won't be being paying two lease payments in the same year, this is the last time that will happen. The Police Dept. doesn't have the funds to spend \$50,000 on two cruisers every other year, which Chief Thomson and I have talked about so he is aware of it. Chief Thompson: The way it works is they put a window on it and say this dealership has the window open and the dealer says he'll take 300 cars. That window passed but they knew that we had confirmed that we were anticipating buying a car.

The Motorola camera is a 5-year lease. FO Miller: We already have five cruisers, five body, and five cruiser cameras. Cost is \$50,000+ covers five years so if we are selling the 2012 cruiser why would we need another set of cameras? Chief Thompson: There are five body cameras and four in-car cameras. I got the new in-car camera for \$ 1,980/year. FO Miller: I'll look at that contract to confirm. Maybe it was just four in-car but I don't think so. Cradle is \$500-\$600. GTAC Laptop is \$3420 and the rebuilt radio is \$1700. FO Miller: So what car is that going in? Chief Thompson: That will go in the 2024 Dodge Durango. FO Miller: The 2012 will be sold. Then Logan will get one of the 2016 Chargers? Chief Thompson: Well, that's another thing. So, I posted the K9 position and Logan was the only one who put in for it so we are going to get a single purpose lab which we were going to do anyways, probably in April or May. FO Lisa Miller: So, we're not doing the K9 unit like we are now? Can you repeat that please? Chief Thompson: Due to the passage of Marijuana being recreationally legal. Every dog that have marijuana alarm are going to be forced to retire and he can't tell me if it's meth or something else so probably cause won't work anymore. You'll see a big increase in getting rid of these dogs. The new dogs won't be able to alert on marijuana. FO Lisa Miller: So, Logan County Sheriff's Office, City of Bellefontaine, etc.all have to get rid of their dogs and get new dogs that's training other drugs but not marijuana. Chief Thompson: Yes.

Trustee Faulder: Is Logan really the best person for that job? He's in school all day, if you need the dog for something, he's tied up in school. Chief Thompson: The only person that uses the dog is Earl so you're essentially getting the dog for Earl. Earl doesn't want a dog. Sometimes you don't get the dog for the handler. The school is all for it. Trustee Faulder: They are fine with bringing the dog in every day? Chief Thompson: A lot of schools have dogs. This will be single purpose lab, he'll be a drug dog. Won't be a support dog. For us, it's not so much about getting the dog for Logan, but county-wide usually. And, 99% of the call outs are in the evening. So, the \$24,760 is already approved and includes installation of the equipment. I need the camera, cradle point, laptop and radio – those are the only other things I need. FO Lisa Miller: So, the new Dodge cruiser would go to you.. and your car??.....Chief Thompson: Will go to Logan for the new dog.

On Nov 16<sup>th</sup> I have that \$70,000 grant out that's supposed to get released. Does that make sense? Trustee Berg: I didn't know about it, what's the grant for? Chief Thompson: I didn't know but DeGraff got a car purchased with this grant. It goes through Ohio Criminal Justice Services and our grant writer advised me to put in for this. My thought is even if we don't get the full amount, we may get \$25,000 and that would help with the payment. Trustee Faulder: That would be helpful Chief Thompson: I would like to order the camera as soon as possible....FO Lisa Miller: What's the cost of all equipment? Chief Thompson: \$7700 FO Lisa Miller; I would prefer you order it this year rather than wait until the start of the new year.

**Trustee Faulder made a motion to purchase the remaining four items at a total not to exceed \$7700 and Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all answered "Aye" – motion passed 3-0.**

FO Lisa Miller: I'm just confirming you said the Dodge was cheaper but that payment is \$24,760 and the payment we have now for the 2022 cruiser is only \$16,500. So, does the \$24,760 include all of the equipment installations by PARR so I won't be seeing any additional charges that I didn't know about, correct? Chief Thompson: Correct, it's all included – PARR will do all of the installations. FO Miller: Can I ask a favor of you; can you give me a copy of the quotes so I can get purchase orders ready? Chief Thompson: Definitely, I have them right here. FO Miller: Thanks!

With no further business to come before the group Trustee Faulder made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 AM. Trustee Lewis seconded. All answered "Aye". Motion to adjourn carried 3-0.

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Lisa A. Miller, Fiscal Officer

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Trustee Tucker Berg, Chairman

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Trustee Don Lewis, Vice Chairman

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Trustee Jason Faulder, Member