

**Final  
Temple-Greenville Joint Police Board  
Minutes of the Public Meeting  
May 2, 2007**

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The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM. In attendance were S. Fiske and J. Kieley of Temple, S. Blease of Greenville, and Chief McTague.

A motion by J. Kieley, seconded by S. Fiske, to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2007 meeting as amended passed by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

Chief McTague reported that he discussed the repair bill for the catalytic converter on the 2005 cruiser with Bob Farr of Draper Energy. Mr. Farr agreed to reimburse the department for one half of the bill. Chief McTague requested that the year end budget report reflect this item.

The 2007 cruiser has been purchased. As soon as the repairs to the 2005 cruiser are completed, the new cruiser will be scheduled to have the lights and electronics installed by 2-Way Communications, the decals applied by Kraemer Designs, and the cages installed by Vanguard.

Chief McTague presented information on traffic detail finances from the State and several surrounding towns. T-GPD's rate of \$49.00 per hour is adequate to cover expenses and in line with other departments.

A motion by S. Fiske, seconded by John Kieley, to accept the Traffic Detail Policy presented at the April meeting as amended passed by voice vote. The policy will be mailed to PSNH, Verizon, and Asplundh Tree Service.

Chief McTague reported that Officer Mike Needham has not yet been sworn-in in either town. The swearing-in is a formality, as he is already sworn in as a part-time officer. The department will request that each select board appoint Officer Needham as a full time officer, and the Town Clerks to swear him in, at the next meeting.

The issue of posting minutes and agenda of the Joint Board Meetings on town websites will be discussed by the full board at the June meeting, after each member has had an opportunity to examine minutes from past meetings for issues that may be sensitive.

**New Business:**

**Public Alcohol Consumption:** S. Fiske asked the Chief for an opinion on a request by a Temple organization to serve alcohol on the common during a fund raising event. Chief McTague stated that he does not approve of such events, because once the Town has set a

precedent, it will lead to future problems. J. Kieley questioned whether alcohol could be served under a tent outside the Town Hall. McTague responded that it is more difficult for officers to monitor alcohol consumption outside, as opposed to inside the Town Hall building.

The inter-municipal police agreement was discussed briefly. It was determined that each member should examine the document with the intent of bringing suggestions for changes to the June meeting. The joint board will also consider the most appropriate way to pay for the legal expenses entailed in the renewal of the contract. Below are some of the items up for discussion:

- Does the Attorney General need to approve the new contract?
- Does the new contract need to go before the towns at town meeting?
- Should the term of the contract be amended?
- Should the contract be self-renewing?
- How should the issue of deficits and surpluses be handled?
- Should both towns be required to audit the books?
- Do the percentages need to be addressed?

J. Kieley suggested that the original presentations to the towns be examined.

J. Kieley questioned whether there is a need for the Joint Board to officially support Chief McTague's policy on release of accident and arrest information to the press. It was determined that the Department's Standard Operating Procedure is sufficient.

The board questioned the Chief on his policy for issuing Pistol Permits. Chief McTague explained that the State of New Hampshire has one of the most liberal policies in the country. He is required by law to issue permits to any applicant with the exception only of convicted felons and persons who have current restraining orders against them.

Budget:

A discussion of the budget revealed that the telephone line item is already over budget, with no further reductions expected. The department will attempt to reduce the cost for DSL service now that the Police and Town Office phone systems are not interconnected.

The overall budget is in line with projections.

Chief's Report:

Chief McTague reported that things are going well in the department. Events will pick up due to spring weather, especially motor vehicle complaints. Chief McTague updated the board on the condition of his eye.

A motion by S. Fiske, seconded by J. Kieley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, passed by voice vote.

The next meeting will be held on June 11, 2007 in Greenville.

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