

**SPECIAL MEETING: May 24, 2022 – 3:00 PM**

Chairman Leezer called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

**Prayer:** Jim Leezer

**Pledge:** Jeff Francies

**Roll Call:** Jim Leezer: Yes – Ralph Horn: Yes – John Fleshman: Yes, All 3 Trustees Present

**Resolution 2022-064:** New Commercial Lawn Mower not to exceed \$13,000

Fleshman commented that the price is in a good range and what they are getting is of good quality

Leezer made motion to adopt, Horn seconded

**Roll Call:** Jim Leezer: Yes – Ralph Horn: Yes – John Fleshman: Yes

Roger Myers spoke about any available on the levy as it has been almost a month with no updates. Leezer asked Fiscal Officer Nick Dunn about what the expectations are. Dunn commented that we are looking at keeping a total of 4 people after layoffs are completed.

Roger Myers spoke about eliminating Part Time officers due to saving money and he agreed with Fiscal Officer Dunn. He stated that 5 of the 8 union members support eliminating the Part Time officers at this time, of which Steve Mazer presented this letter to the Board.

Sergeant Moore spoke about having a different mindset to get the levy passed and laying off the Part Time officers will likely not get a levy passed. Moore stated that residents feel they are not getting what they paid for. Moore also brought up eliminating the Lieutenant position to save a bit more money, which Leezer said was not off the table.

Fleshman says we need to stretch the money as far as we can. Moore also expressed disagreement with the shift changes that start tomorrow.

**Motion for Part Time Officers Francies, Kidwell, and Jackson to be laid off effective June 7, 2022**

Leezer made motion, Horn seconded

**Roll Call:** Jim Leezer: Yes – Ralph Horn: Yes – John Fleshman: No

Fleshman voted no to keep as many officers on the street as possible.

Horn was upset to hear that we are having to layoff officers and asking everyone to band together to get support for the upcoming levy. Horn also commented that he wants the Police Department to have the best they can possibly have.

It was mentioned that the only reason this recent levy was so close to passing was because one Part Time officer was putting forth a lot of time to help get information out.

Nicole was asked if there were any responses on the survey online and she said there were not many.

Leezer stated that a JEDD was a missed opportunity the previous board did not complete to get additional permanent funding. Also, he stated that he believes that there is no need for a Lieutenant position at this time.

Moore stated that ending 3<sup>rd</sup> shift and not laying off any full-time officers is just a threat to the public and there is no reason to end the shift.

Roger Myers asked if the levy in November does not pass if we would continue to put it on and Fleshman replied with yes.

It was also mentioned if the department has to start over that it will be hard to get the same department again and the public is not understanding of that.

Chief Smith says there is a new shift schedule starting tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 PM.