

PRESENT: Supervisor Reiter; Councilmembers Bax, Marra, Palmer, Winkley, Deputy Sup. Catlin, Director of Finance Johnson, Town Atty. Gabriele, Village of Lewiston Mayor Geiben; Trustees Collesano, Eydt and Kraft; Police Chief Salada; Police Commissioner S'dao, 1 press and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

S'dao called meeting to order.

Discussion on Town Rifle Range. The Board held a meeting to discuss residents concerns. Salada said the two major concerns are noise and safety. The range has been there for 18-years, and this is the first complaint. Several agencies utilize the range. There has been an increase in use, and night shooting.

To help alleviate some of the noise, it has been decided the range be open Monday thru Friday, no weekends or evening shooting. In regards to safety, the berm will be increase in height. Trees may be planted on the outside of the burm to help with noise.

The Air Force and U.S. Government utilizes the range, and have had their own inspector inspect the range and said it was above their expectations.

Use of the range is scheduled by the Police Dept. They schedule their time and pick-up keys and flags. The flags are placed at the road and the range to notify others the range is in use.

It was questioned if the agencies sign a waiver. Gabriele said the Town is potentially responsible for liability. A waiver/contract would be a smart thing to have. The policy manual/waiver could be signed by the agencies as part of the process.

S'dao said the agencies using the range are there for the good of the community. They protect us all. This is not used for just recreation.

It is Salada's hope to have implemented all changes by May. He will report back to the Board at the June 14th meeting.

In regards to the Police Quarterly Report, it was requested there be a break-down of Village / Town calls. Also include any policy changes, staff changes, hours, and amount of cars. This will give the Boards a handle as to what is going on.

Mayor Geiben would like to schedule a meeting with the Village, Town, Police and Artpark to discuss the upcoming season at the park.

The Village has been notified the creation of an entrance to the parkway, going south, from Seneca Street, should be in place this year. It is unclear if it will be this Artpark season or calendar year.

Funding for the Police Dept. has come from both the Village and the Town. In 2002 the Town paid 72%, the Village – 28%; In 2003 the Town – 73%, Village – 27%. In 2008 it was adjusted to 77% - Town and 23% - Village, with the understanding the Village would give up its rights to be involved in hiring. There is no amendment to this. In 2010 Geiben was sent the budget, and if the figures are correct the budget increased 9%.

Geiben said since the Police Dept. presences left the Village, it was a gentlemen's understanding the Village percentage would be lowered. In the 2010 Village budget Geiben figured in 20%.

Johnson said a portion of the Villages contributions were in-kind services and the fact that the Village Hall was being used.

The agreement between the Village and the Town for the Police Dept. has an effective date and remains in effect until amended or terminated, by either party.

The Library is a similar situation. Geiben said the Library submits its budget to the Town and the Board accepts it. A certain percentage is sent to the Village, with the Village not being able to pay. This should be resolved before it was put into the Town budget.

Geiben said this has become an issue, and has created hard feelings. Geiben is an advocate for the joint police, and does not want hard feelings, any misconceptions, or people to misinterpret what needs to be done.

At a future meeting Geiben would like to bring the library back to the table. Geiben has been asked what the opinion of the Board is in regards to funding the library, and his response has been, "there is no history of an opinion or position of the Board. That will come in time."

Village to call next meeting. It was suggested each Board add items to be discussed to an agenda.

Bax MOVED to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Geiben and Carried Unan. (5:50 p.m.)

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted:

Donna Garfinkel
Deputy Town Clerk