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Public Safety Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2012

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 2.00PM, Thursday, October 18, 2012 by Police Chief Lane. Attending were Commissioner Banzet, Commissioner Britt, and Commissioner Fleming, Robert Davie, Town Administrator, and Annette Silver, Note Taker.

Chief Lane stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss radio upgrades and police items located upstairs in old Town Hall building.

Warren County anticipates the radio upgrade to the Viper system (800 MHZ) by February 2013. This upgrade allows all law enforcement departments statewide to be able to communicate with each other. The current Warren County communication system will continue to be active for local VHF use. The estimated cost of 2 portable units is \$5,000 (this item was not included in the current budget). An anticipated insurance refund may be used for the purchase as well as grants. Chief Lane plans to start with 2 units and acquire more at a later date. Commissioner Fleming inquired to surplus gun sale money being used on the purchase. Chief Lane explained the gun sale would be through credit only to a military or law enforcement unit. Commissioner Britt inquired if the gun sale would compromise any evidence in the Younts case. Attorney Styers has been contacted by Chief Lane and assured him no compromise would be made.

The insurance on old Town Hall building expires January of 2013. In reviewing the upstairs contents, Chief Lane found old police uniforms, bicycles, bicycle parts and Christmas decorations. Lakeland Arts has expressed interest in acquiring the old uniforms for their costume department. The Committee agreed unanimously to give Lakeland Arts the uniforms. The bicycles and parts stored are from old cases as well as lost and found. Chief Lane would like to find someone to repair them and give them to needy children. If this is not feasible, they will be sold as scrap metal. The Christmas decorations will be reviewed and decided upon.

There has been citizen concern of speeding on streets in Town; especially Front, Bragg, Marshall and Battle Streets. Chief Lane has looked into acquiring recyclable rubber strips as an alternative to permanent strips because of durability and cost. As discussion continued S. Hall Street and Fairview Street were asked to be included. Commissioner Fleming recommended Chief Lane and Town Administrator look further into recyclable strips (size, cost, line item to be used, etc) and report back to Committee at next meeting.

Chief Lane reported there is 1 more car payment to be made and all police cars will be paid for. Hillman Poythress has agreed to disconnect the air condition unit from Town Hall Bragg Street for storage.

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

