

Village of Mansfield Police Committee Meeting

February 9, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Tom Williams. Also present were Todd Jones, Lucas Gilbert, and Don Deffenbaugh.

Sheriff Hunt from Piatt County came to share information about how a contract would work if Mansfield went that route. He stated that generally the newest hires were in charge of patrols for the contracts. He explained how the hours and shifts rotated and would never be the same shifts. He did say it would be difficult to have someone on patrol for multiple hours at a time, but wasn't impossible depending on situations. Sheriff Hunt said the Village of Bement contracted with them for two years before starting their police department back up. The new board in Bement felt they lost their identity not having their own police force. A contract would basically be the cost of the deputy's hours. The county would supply the car, uniforms, insurance etc. Hunt also stated that Mansfield could contact any amount of time with them. He said Cerro Gordo is also looking at this route. Hunt stated Randy Joe Keith was looking into a grant to help them out. If Mansfield went this route, someone could check with Keith about the same grant to help out with the costs.

Deffenbaugh asked if Mansfield could set its own schedule to make sure we had someone on patrol when we wanted them. Hunt said we could request certain hours however they may not be able to honor them. He said the possible starting salary of a deputy is 58k. If we went this route, Mansfield would have no police force. Piatt County would take care of all the costs.

Meeting went to closed session to interview part time officer applicants.

Meeting returned to open session at 8:05pm. The committee discussed the candidates and the possible county contract.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.