

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD  
POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 26, 2019**

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The Village of Mansfield Police Committee met at the NPPFD meeting room on Washington St. in Mansfield at 7:00pm. Roll was taken with Andy Stiger, Todd Jones, Lucas Gilbert, and Don Deffenbaugh present.

Gilbert said the intent of the meeting is to discuss how to move forward with replacing Officer Umberger, who resigned last month.

Deffenbaugh said he preferred to hire a Mansfield officer instead of leasing with Farmer City Police.

Jones said he wanted to see better hours being worked – hours picked out by the Board, not the employee. He also said leasing officers from Piatt County would be expensive and he does not want to see an officer working so many hours they would qualify for IMRF.

Gilbert said he has received resumes from two people already, who reached out on their own. He would like to offer an officer \$25-30/hr for about 15 hours/week. It would be less than 1,000 hours in a year. Gilbert talked with both Cerro Gordo and Bement police departments and explained how they operate their departments. Gilbert also talked with a retired officer to get an idea of what officers are looking for in a part-time job, which is where he got the \$25-30/hr he mentioned.

Jones didn't like the idea of such a large increase from what the Board was previously paying an officer. He also shared that Piatt County was currently understaffed and having trouble covering their own territory so they would likely not be able to give Mansfield the hours we would be requiring.

Deffenbaugh wants to advertise for the position and see what applicants the Board gets. He would also like to see money finally being collected on Village ordinance violations, not just speeding or DUI.

Gilbert described a scenario where an officer would work 4 hour shifts 4 times a week: work morning school drop off and work on some Village ordinance enforcement for 4 hours or work on ordinance enforcement and then work after school pick up and also an evening shift where an officer could work 8pm-midnight.

Deffenbaugh liked \$22/hr at 16 hrs/week and a review after 6 months. Jones did not like the \$25-30/hr range, thinking it was too high. He would go along with \$20-25.

There was discussion about using Indeed online for advertising professional jobs.

Gilbert polled the Committee once more about what to take to the Board and all were in agreement with \$20-25/hr, 16 hrs/wk, working 4 hour shifts.

Gilbert asked if the audience had any comments, which there were none.

**Jones moved, Gilbert seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Submitted by:**

/s/ Melissa Place  
Melissa Place, Village Clerk