

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
at NPPFD Meeting Room  
Washington St., Mansfield, IL**

**September 16, 2020**

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The Village of Mansfield board met at 6:00pm. Roll was taken with April Manning, Lucas Gilbert, Ron Konen, Todd Jones, Jessica Bartley, and Don Deffenbaugh present. Andy Stiger presided.

Stiger began the meeting with an interview of Dustin Lutz for part-time officer. Bartley asked if he could work before police academy training was over and Lutz said he could work with Officer Hall and would only work alone once academy training was complete.

Bartley asked if he had any issues with the distance between home and Mansfield and Lutz said he did not.

Jones asked what the academy was like and Hall said it would be web classes and some in-person beginning in October and ending in June. The training for part-time officers is stretched out longer than full-time officer training.

Bartley asked what hours Lutz could work. He answered that he leaves his full-time job at 4pm Mon-Thu and 11am on Friday and could work whatever hours the Board needed, other than mornings which would not be possible with his full-time job or on his required drill weekends.

Manning wanted to know how Hall would be able to train Lutz if Hall was not available a lot himself. Hall said he would work more hours per week to get Lutz trained. Hall said he would get the field training done at the same time Lutz was doing academy training.

Stiger asked Lutz if he had any problem signing a contract for employment and Lutz replied he did not. He understood the financial obligation the Village was taking on if he did not complete his training and the Village did not get reimbursed for the expense through a grant. He was willing to pay that amount back if he did not complete training. Lutz was also for the idea of signing on to work at least two years for the Village after completion of academy training. He has wanted to be an officer his whole life. Hall said some people are knocked out of the academy for either inability to meet physical training standards or shooting standards and he was certain, with Lutz' military background, he would not have a problem with either of those items. Stiger said he thought the village attorney could have a contract for Lutz to sign within a week or so.

Jones wanted to discuss pay and Hall suggested a lower rate to start and a bump up after training is complete. Gilbert said Leroy is hiring part-time officers at about \$19/hour.

Jones said he was mostly concerned about having an officer on duty when bars are closing, around 12-1am. There was further discussion about the hours the board wanted Lutz to work.

**Konen moved, Bartley seconded to move to Closed Session to discuss employment of a part-time officer. Roll call: 5-1 with Deffenbaugh NO. Motion carried 5-1.**

The meeting returned to open session. Lutz presented a written proposal to the board showing he would work 15-20 hours a week after completion of the police academy training.

**Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to hire Dustin Lutz as part-time police officer at \$19.50/hour with a signed contract. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Gilbert moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to approve writing a check for and filling out the application for Lutz to attend police academy. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Konen talked about the water main project pre-bid meeting with potential contractors. There was a question about crossing Washington Street, which can be decided later. There was a question about using line stops to shut off water mains and Konen said that should be yes because there are not enough valves. There was also an issue with the project not being split how it was described previously by Tom Overmyer. Konen is not sure if South and Columbia Streets will be able to be completed in Phase 1. He will contact Fehr-Graham about this item.

There were no audience comments.

**Gilbert moved, Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 6-0.**

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place

Melissa Place, Village Clerk