

MINUTES

Town of Sandisfield

Board of Selectmen

Revised

Posting and agenda for meeting Friday, March 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex.

Chairman Skrip opened the meeting promptly at 6:00 PM.

1. Vote to accept and sign Ethics Disclosure from Ralph Morrison

The Board agreed to sign the papers even though it had a question about what "contract" referred to in forms. The Town has no existing contracts that they are aware of with A&M Auto or Mr. Morrison at this time.

2. Discuss and review the Police Department budgets with Police Chief Michael Morrison.

Chairman Skrip wants the Chief to cut the Department to 30 hours per week but allow him to respond to as many emergency calls as needed and be paid. Chief Morrison repeatedly stated that this would be more expensive in the long run. He recommends keeping it at the 40 hours. Selectman Newman's primary concern and requirement with the budget is that wages/salaries are increased by no more than the 2.5% that all employees are getting. In the end it was agreed to keep the department hours as is.

The Board also questioned the new line asking for a \$10,000 stipend for the Police Chief. The Chief explained that he feels he deserves this. After debating the subject for a while, it was agreed that there would be a new \$5,000.00 stipend for the Chief.

It was also agreed that the PD will allot at least two hours per week to the Transfer Station to dissuade and catch violators.

The changes to the initial request budget given by Chief Morrison are as follows: Patrol officers line changed from \$46,120 to \$45,550; Chief's pay (a new request this year) from \$10,000 to \$ 5,000; Police dept Administrative salary line from \$1,560 to \$1,025.

or expenses, the changes were as follows: Vehicle Maintenance from \$4,900 to \$3,500 and the purchase of radar units line from \$4000 to \$2000, agreeing to the purchase of only one unit instead of the proposed two units. The final proposed budget number went from \$80,714 to \$71,159.

The Board is satisfied with the results and will and is all set with them.

Motion to adjourn made by Selectman Newman at 7:35

John Skrip

Mark Newman

