

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chuck Ellsworth.

Members present on roll call: Jim Duncan, Dave Sarow, Stan Swiontek, Corby Stark

Others present: Chief Eric Jorgensen, Officer Austin Reed

Discussion was held with Chief Jorgensen, Commissioners and BLPRD representative Tom Kelly (President of the BL Homeowners Tiffany Morton was on the phone) regarding participation in the 2021 boat patrol. Items that were discussed on how the program works for the operation of the boat patrol included enforcement, quotas to receive reimbursement from the DNR, hours of operation, operating and salary costs. The BLPRD and BL Homeowners would like to see more consistent presence on the lake especially on the weekends and they would like to see more water safety education (the BLCPD are planning on hosting water safety classes in the spring of 2021). The BLCPD worked water patrol hours in the summer of 2020 but due to the fact that the officers also were on land duty they did not work enough required hours to submit the expenses to the DNR. There are funds in the water patrol account for operations that can be used to pay for boat operation expenses for the summer of 2020. After discussing whether or not the BLCPD should continue to operate the boat patrol it was decided by the commissioners to discontinue boat patrol operations. The BLPRD and the BL Homeowners will consider handling the boat patrol operations going forward.

Motion by Dave Sarow to allow Chief Jorgensen to draft a letter to the Balsam Lake Protection Rehabilitation District stating the Balsam Lake Centuria Police Department will no longer participate in the boat patrol operations. Seconded by Stan Swiontek. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Balsam Lake-Centuria Intergovernmental Joint Police Department Agreement Item IV Budget, Finance and Ownership of Assets #2. Currently the item states: Prior to the execution of this Agreement and no later than September 30th of each year thereafter, the Municipalities shall jointly prepare the overall capital and operational budgets for the Joint Department and the Joint Board for the succeeding year. The Commissioners would like to change the date to September 15th to give adequate time for each Village to meet with their respective Finance committee members. **Motion by Dave Sarow to replace the date with September 15th. Seconded by Stan Swiontek. All in favor. Carried. Motion by Jim Duncan to allow Chief Jorgensen to contact Tim Laux to amend item #2 as stated. Seconded by Corby Stark. All in favor. Carried.**

Commissioners reviewed the proposed 2021 budget for the BLCPD.

Proposed salaries and benefits	\$247,062.00
Proposed operating expenses	\$ 29,270.00
Proposed vehicle expenses	\$ 6,500.00
Proposed training expenses	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total budget	\$284,332.00

Balsam Lake Subsidy	\$160,000.00
Centuria Subsidy	<u>\$124,332.00</u>
Total subsidy	\$284,332.00

Motion by Jim Duncan to approve the proposed 2021 budget for the Balsam Lake Centuria Police Department as stated. Seconded by Dave Sarow. All in favor. Carried.

A couple questions raised by commissioners for Auditor Brock Geyden are: a cost for an annual audit and if there are funds left from the 2020 budget can those funds roll over to the 2021 budget or be transferred into a savings account.

Motion by Jim Duncan to adjourn. Seconded by Dave Sarow. Carried.

Lori Duncan, Village Balsam Lake Clerk Treasurer Amy VanDeBrake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer