

Gilford Budget Committee

Police subcommittee report/minutes

The Police subcommittee, consisting of Bob Henderson, Kevin Roy, Norm Silber and Kevin Leandro met with Chief Bean-Burpee, Lt. Leach and Lt. Kelley in the town hall meeting room on Oct. 17th. The meeting commenced at 4pm and adjourned at 5pm.

Wages:

Down \$3,315 (.3%) due to staff turnover

Overtime is up \$6,073 (6.8%) over 2014 but is still less than 2013. This line item has been overspent for last several years. In 2014 alone it has been overspent by \$23,069 as of September 30th and has undoubtedly gone up since. This is also a result of the high staff turnover. The Dept. is understaffed and currently has only 14 officers on the active roster, 18 is considered fully staffed. Currently the dept. has paid recruits in the police academy.

Operating:

Software Lic./Support has increased by \$845. Most of the increase is accredited to "Guardian Tracking", a new personal management system.

Animal Control is increasing by \$15K to reflect Gilford's share of funding the proposed new "Regional Animal control Officer".

Vehicle fuel is down \$1000

Building maintenance is up \$150

Other:

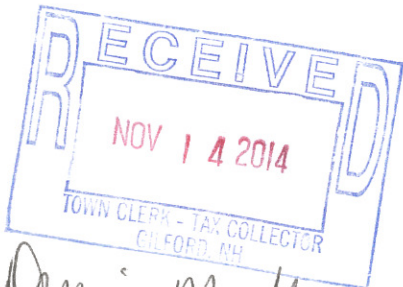
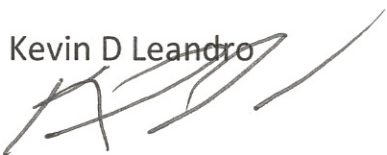
Minor vehicles is up \$11,060. The Dept. is switching to the roomier explorer SUV cruisers. The price difference between the SUVs and the Sedans is minimal, however all the equipment will have to be purchased new as it is not compatible.

The subcommittee was surprised to learn that the PD does not currently deploy dash cams. It was explained that police grade dash cams are very expensive. This line item is not funded (\$0). After some discussion on this matter the Subcommittee recommends adding \$1 to keep the door open in the event that a grant becomes available.

The Police Subcommittee recommends funding for the Police Dept. at a level of \$2,505,344.

Respectfully submitted,

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