

Council Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jill Gross, Shelly Krueger, Tim Croy, Amanda Yaprak

Members Absent: Andrew Grossnickle

Employees Present:

Guests: Leah Sanders (Ink Free)

5:30 PM Call to Order

Special Meeting – Hiring of Town Marshal

Jill opened the meeting with a statement that the council had had many meetings to discuss and interview Town Marshal candidates. Jill recommends to the council and motions to offer Keaton Schopf the position of Town of Mentone Marshal with a starting wage of \$52,000 starting and for 2024. Tim seconds the motion. No further discussion or argument. Pass.

Other Business:

Tim started a discussion stating how difficult it was to get qualified candidates for the Town Marshal position due to the lack of competitive pay. He reminded the council the 2024 Salary Ordinance will need to be approved at the December 6th meeting. He clarified the original salary increase of 3.8% was previously approved along with an additional \$500 increase to Amanda's salary.

Tim motions to remove the 3.8% increase for salary employees in 2024 and would like to add \$4,500 to Amanda's increase and increase Josh and Corbin's salary \$5,000 each. Jill Second.

Further discussion led to considering changes in the deputy marshal salary. The council agreed the deputy salary would depend on qualifications and training needs. Discussion concluded that the 2024 ordinance should reflect no increase for the deputy marshal and remain at \$45,153.00. Changes in the deputy salary should be considered during the hiring process.

Tim requests to amend his original motion and to clarify he would like to remove the 3.8% increase across the board so there is no confusion with the deputy marshal's salary. His original motion to increase Josh, Corbin, and Amanda's salary remains. Jill Second. No further discussion.

Jill motion to adjourn the special meeting. Shelly second. Pass

Attest: Clerk Treasurer _____ Council President _____
Amanda Yaprak Jill Gross