

PRESENT: Supervisor Reiter; Councilmembers Palmer and Winkley; Highway Superintendent Janese; Police Chief Salada and Sgt. Previte; 8 residents and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

Supervisor opened the meeting and welcomed all.

Reiter feels the Town Board, Chief Salada and Sgt. Previte have created a reasonable plan to address residents concerns. The concern which was heard quite consistently is to have just the Lewiston Police Dept. use the range. The Board and Chief feel an obligation to honor the commitments made to other entities until the end of the year. There will be no new scheduling. As of January 1, 2011, no outside agencies will use the range. There will be no evening, weekend or holiday use. The range is used from 9-5.

As soil becomes available, the berms will be built higher. Trees will be planted in the fall to address the sound.

Salada said Lewiston shoots three times a year, but schedule two dates because not all officers can be there at one time, for a total of six times.

Palmer said the advantage of other agencies using the range, is in-kind services. The Police Dept. has not purchased ammo in 5-years.

Kraft, Bill – 1534 Swann Road, asked why the Town doesn't budget more money for the Police Dept., so in-kind services aren't necessary. Mr. Kraft feels the Town can spare a couple thousand for the Police Dept.

Reiter said there are several groups/organizations requesting money. The Town has to be very, very careful of its spending.

The Village has chosen not to pay a portion of the Police budget this year because of other circumstances. The Town lost Village dollars and in-kind services, therefore the Town will have to make adjustments. The cost of fuel, ammo and salaries are increasing.

Reiter believes the Board and the Chief have addressed most resident concerns, and a reasonable resolution has been meet.

Previte said the department is preparing a packet outlining what will be needed to recover services lost.

The State requires the Police shoot in different conditions, one being low-light shooting. There is no electricity and the agreement to not shoot past dusk, doesn't allow this. Previte would schedule this in the fall, once a year.

Residents present said if they were notified in advance that the range would be used at an off-time of the agreement, they are willing to allow this. Previte asked the residents to submit a list of neighbors to be notified. The Police could certainly do that. A schedule could be posted at the range, Town Hall or on the web-site.

Palmer said he will present a resolution, outlining the range agreement, at the meeting of July 26, 2010.

Kraft said if the other agencies will not be using the range, he questioned if the berm and trees are necessary. Also, the direction of shooting makes a difference in the noise.

Reiter requested forgoing a September meeting, and thanked all for coming.

Minutes Transcribed and Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Garfinkel Deputy Town Clerk