



ELLSWORTH JEWELL STANHOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**701 Main Street
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Police Board Minutes January 9th, 2025

Called meeting to order at 7:00pm at Jewell City Hall with the following members present: Mick Walker, Steve Butler, Kelly Wirtz, Mindy Hetland, Lori Yager

Members absent: Jeremy Laube, Chief Turpen

Also present: Officer Kaleb Morton

Reviewed the minutes from December 2024

Motion to approve minutes by Yager, Walker 2nd, all members were in favor of approving minutes.

Monthly review of activity

Steve Butler, Jewell representative, would like to see more traffic stops in town and had concerns with Jake Brake violations.

Mayor of Stanhope Kelly Wirtz advised she would like to see more traffic stops as well.

Review of Budget

The budget will be reviewed after the annual evaluations have been completed to reflect on wage increases. Further discussion and action will be made during February's meeting.

Minutes

The board decided to have officer Morton take minutes to assist Chief Turpen.

Take home patrol vehicle

Further discussion was made about having take home vehicles. Mayor Wirtz advised she wanted this on record and didn't believe Chief Turpen should have a take home vehicle, with concerns of mileage, fuel expense, wear and tear and since he doesn't respond to calls while off duty then he shouldn't have the privilege. Other members of the board disagreed and felt that at his time of hire the previous board allowed him to live outside of the three cities and have a take home vehicle, no action was taken.

Evaluation form and review

January 23rd, 2025, at 7:00pm the board will be conducting evaluations with Chief Turpen and Officer Morton, these evaluations will be held in a closed session and not open to the public.

Contract updates and renewal

The board discussed revisions to personnel contracts.

Time off request forms

Wirtz would like to implement time off request forms. This will allow the board to have an oversight of officers paid time off (PTO) and sick leave.



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Upcoming events

Trinity Lutheran Church in Ellsworth will be having a human trafficking seminar, February 1st, 2pm hosted by The Lighthouse Foundation. All are welcome.

Next police board meeting February 6th, 2025, 7:00pm

City Concerns

Walker had concerns with parking enforcement when snow ordinance is in effect.

Wirtz has concerns for junk at 760 Adams St, an upcoming eviction, and would like to have officer presence during upcoming utility shutoffs.

Yager, no concerns

Motion to adjourn Yager, Walker 2nd, all in favor
Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm