

Starke County Sheriff's Office
Merit Board Meeting Minutes
03/22/2023

Opening: (meeting was changed from April due to hiring session)

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm, held at the Starke County Justice Center court room, meeting was called to order by Ed Troike.

Present:

Merit Board Members: Ed Troike, Tom Belork, Brad Hazelton, Larry Wappel and Fred Baker.

Sheriff: Jack Rosa, Jack Hudgens, Pamela McDonald, Chad McDonald, Rob Olejniczak, Daniel Byrd, Charles Leonhardt, and Justin McDaniel.

New Business:

Matron McDonald explained the county agreed to pay the needed 28,000.66 and it would come from county general and ARPA would make up any funds needed as the short fall of paying that out of our budget. Sheriff Rosa explained the county council is wanting us to shop the pension plans. Sheriff Rosa and the Merit Board agreed that this is something we should look into. Ed Troike explained that approximately five years ago they did shop around companies but the Merit Board and Merit Deputies chose to stay with Elaine Beaty. No officer questions.

Chief Deputy Hudgens presented the changes to be made to the current take home vehicle policy. Policy was presented and tabled until a few minor corrections were made. Merit board recommended having officers and their supervisors signing the policy when it is received.

Sheriff Rosa notified the board that Wayne James will be coming back to the department in April as Operations Commander. James will be in charge of the road, detectives, help Hudgens and work the road when needed. Sheriff explained he would like to be able to have three officers per shift.

Ed Troike discussed not needing another meeting until May since two meetings were held in March unless something needs addressed prior.

Ed Troike dismissed officers as interviews were to follow and they were not able to participate.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm. Motioned by Fred Baker, Seconded by Larry Wappel

Minutes submitted by: Pamela McDonald

Minutes approved by: