

**VILLAGE OF COAL VALLEY
MINUTES OF THE WORKING SESSION BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 AT 7:40 P.M.
IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS OF VILLAGE HALL
COAL VALLEY, ILLINOIS**

1. Call to Order:

The Working Session Meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Mayor Bartels.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Bartels, Adam Bain, Dale Keppy, Stan Engstrom, Bruce Crowe, Kevin Stickell, Jake Hoyt.

Establishment of a quorum.

3. Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was performed at the 6:00 Board meeting.

Staff present at the meeting: Annette Ernst–Village Administrator, Penny Mullen–Assistant Village Administrator & Director of Finance, Deanna Hulliger-Village Clerk and Jack Chick-Police Chief.

4. Public Presentation/ Recognition and/or Public Comments None

5. Reports from the President and Other Officers (on matters not otherwise appearing on the Agenda)

A. President–Mayor Bartels first began by thanking the staff for all of the hard work on the budget, the revisions and research. You will also see that the property tax increase has been removed from the budget. Mayor Bartels also wants to give credit to the previous Boards especially Stan for the hard work keeping the reserve in excellent standings. 3.4 million in reserves is a great place for Coal Valley to be. The changes are highlighted in yellow. We will begin with the Police Department budget. We all received a request from the Chief today for two new squad cars. Chief Chick will review the request for the two squads when we get to that section of the budget.

B. Trustees –Nothing to report

C. Police, Public Works and Admin-Nothing to report

D. Unfinished Business-

A. Review/Discussion of the 2018 Budget draft

The review of the Police Department portion of the Budget began.

Chief Chick spoke about page 1 on the revenues. We had our 31st DUI arrest over the weekend so the revenues for DUI will be higher than estimated. DUI's were discussed and the Chief reported that 1/3 of the DUI's are call ins. The Chief reminded the Board of the seized property that will be released to Coal Valley this year. This will be some unexpected revenue for the Budget.

Next page 7 was reviewed. The Chief reported that there is no ammo in the Budget because the supply we have will be sufficient. Trustee Stickell asked what all is included in the Training line item. Jack responded that the annual Mobile Team membership fee includes 98% of the Police Department training, no additional fees are charged by Mobile Team when we train with them. Trustee Stickell asked about overtime costs and what that mainly entails. The Chief explained that arrests (paperwork) and court appearances are what causes most of the overtime. Trustee Hoyt asked why there is a large increase in the legal services line item. Chief Chick informed the Board that Police Union negotiations for a new Union contract are in the works and the Budget reflects that.

Page 8 was then discussed. The Chief explained that the Coal Valley Police Department has had a vacant position of Lieutenant ever since Jack became the Chief. Currently Tim Krebs is the Investigation Sergeant and Clint Whitney is the Administration Sergeant and the two of them have been extremely beneficial to the Department. Sergeant Whitney has been offered the Lieutenant position but turned it down due to it being an investigative position. Sergeant Krebs is performing this type of work now and the Chief would like to promote Sergeant Krebs to Lieutenant February 1, 2018. Mayor Bartels asked what determines the employee is qualified for such a position. The Chief replied their background, general knowledge of the position and Sergeant Krebs has furthered his training for the Investigative Lieutenant position. Discussion was held. As of February there will be one Sergeant on our staff as no other officers are qualified for the Sergeant position at this time. Shifts and teams were discussed. The Chief also reported that part-time Officer Whitchelo might be resigning with us due to his employment with the Davenport Fire Department. We will wait and see how things go on that situation.

The Board moved on to page 9. Mayor Bartels mentioned the fuel line item has been reduced by \$5,000.00 due to the lower costs at the pumps. Trustee Stickell asked about the firearm training. The Chief reported his department does firearm training 3 times a year-1 time is mandatory. Larger departments in the area train once a month. Trustee Stickell feels this is an important process and more firearms training should be done. The Chief is the firearms instructor for the Coal Valley Police Department. The Chief feels comfortable that if any of the Police employees had to shoot they are properly trained and have covered everything thoroughly.

Next discussion began on the document the Chief provided to everyone regarding the request for 2 new squad cars for the Department. Before Jack became Chief the Police Department had 5 squad units. Discussion was held. Trustee Stickell asked how long it takes to receive the new squad and have it detailed and up and running. The Chief responded about 2 weeks. Chief Chick reviewed the document he provided and discussed the current fleet status and that purchasing the new squads will help with the maintenance and mileage of the 3 units we currently have. The cost of the new squads would be around \$36,000.00 each. This is a high estimate due to the fact the department has light bars and other equipment that can be put on the new squads. RACOM is coming over this week to the Village to check on the equipment we have and make sure it is compatible and still useable for new squads. Village resident

Chuck Stone asked if there has been any major mechanical issues with the current fleet. Chief Chick stated we have really had no major issues with the squads. Chuck Stone commented that the cars are very reliable then and the Chief responded yes. The Chief then explained that one new squad would be put into the fleet and the other would be the Chief's vehicle and would be taken home by the Chief the same way the previous Chief's were allowed to do. The Chief was asked how officers get to court if squads are being used by the first shift staff. Chief Chick stated that they sometimes have to use their personal vehicles. Village resident Drue Mielke was in the audience tonight and asked the Village to check on employees on duty using their personal vehicles and what the liability is. Fire Chief Dunham was also in attendance and mentioned there is usually a rider on the insurance policy. Further discussion was held. Mayor Bartels is in favor of purchasing 1 new squad car. Discussion on purchasing the vehicles fully furnished with Police equipment or adding the equipment ourselves to a State bid vehicle. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to put 1 new squad into the 2018 Budget and look at possibly placing another squad in the 2019 Budget. The Chief stated that 4 squads will suffice.

New Business None.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Engstrom to adjourn tonight's Working Session meeting. A second was given by Trustee Stickell. Ayes 6, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hulliger
Village Clerk