

**Pittsboro Town
Council Meeting**

February 21, 2006

7:00 PM

Pittsboro Police Department Update

Agenda

1. Maurice Spoon- My approved budget for 2006 included a 10% raise for Maurice taking his pay from \$2000 a year to \$2200 a year. The money is in the approved budget, however Maurice was overlooked for the ordinance and did not receive his raise. I would ask that the board vote to approve Maurice's raise (add to ordinance), and to provide the back pay for 2006.

2. SOP'S- Copies are being made for all officers.

3. Pittsboro Police Department 2005 Statistics:

722 Calls for Service

443 Traffic Stops (124 Tickets, 114 Written Warnings, 205 Verbal Warnings)

152 Case Reports and Accidents (35 Accidents, 21 Drug/Alcohol, 96 All other)

4. Pittsboro Town Court? Last year we wrote a total of 124 traffic tickets. If a conviction is received on all tickets, the department will receive \$372.00. For purposes of determining if we could support a town court, I have chosen the Avon Town Court as an example. The Avon Town court holds court once a month for infractions and ordinance violations. \$5,000.00 was an initial cost up front for the court computer software. The Avon Judge makes \$8,350.00 a year (\$687.50 per court session). The prosecutor/town attorney is budgeted for \$5,000.00 a year. The court clerk just started full time and makes \$28,700.00 a year. Avon's yearly court budget averages \$59,000.00. Even with a part time court clerk and possibly a lower judge's salary, I would estimate a Pittsboro Court Budget to be about \$35,000.00 a year. That would include paying a Judge's salary, Prosecutor, Court Clerk, computer program, and all supplies. The Avon Court Clerk stated that they average over 2,000 tickets a year, which supports the court. I estimate that the department may only write approximately 200 tickets in 2006. Even if we averaged \$100 a ticket, and received convictions on all tickets, that would still only generate \$20,000.00. At this time, I feel our department could not support a town court.

5. Emergency Child Information Packet- Over 250 students were fingerprinted at the elementary school. I am now making appointments with the pre-schools in town to fingerprint those students.

6. Communications Meeting- On February 14th I attended a meeting at the Brownsburg Police Training Facility. The meeting was with other local law enforcement, Brownsburg Police Chief Galloway, and members of the Brownsburg Police Commission and Town Board. Brownsburg Police will have their own dispatch center when their new building is complete. They are interested in dispatching for other local departments. They are researching to see how much it would cost the Town of Pittsboro if they dispatched police runs for us. They are investigating to see if they would be eligible to receive any 911 monies for doing so. This was only a workshop. No money has been discussed. Right now we are dispatched through Hendricks County Sheriff's Department at no cost to the town. The Sheriff's Department does however receive our area 911 fees for doing so.

7. Pittsboropolice.org- Information about the Citizen's Police Academy is online. We hope to have our first CPA in April.

8. Hiring Process- With the development at the interstate, and Jefferson Park getting ready to begin, I would like to hire one full time officer this year. As you can see, the department took over 700 calls for service last year. This will only increase with more businesses and people moving to town. With permission from the board, I would like to start a hiring process to include looking for additional reserves. Reserve Officer Mike Masters took another job out of state and had to resign.