

**Village of Rossville
Special Board Meeting
January 13, 2020
2:00 p.m.**

Mayor Queen called the special board meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Rossville Municipal Building, located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois. The special board meeting was called to discuss and possibly approve hiring a new full-time police officer.

Members physically present – Mayor Queen, Trustees Cornell, Buck, Mahorney, Richison and Maden
Members absent – Trustee Leaver
Guests present – Clerk White and Chief Kelnhofer.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Chief Kelnhofer would like the Board to consider hiring Misti Smitley, who is currently employed with the Village of Rossville as a part-time police officer, today so she can be enrolled in the mandatory 80 hour transition class in Belleville. The deadline for enrollment in the class is January 24th. The class will cost \$1,190 for tuition, lodging and meals. Chief Kelnhofer was unsure if partial or full reimbursement of the expense is available. If a 4th full-time officer is hired, Chief Kelnhofer proposed the full-time officers working 12 hour shifts in order to provide more police protection for the Village. Hours are available for the part-time officers also. Chief Kelnhofer stated Officer Wimmer will not be available during the summer to work weekends. Chief Kelnhofer stated he has been scheduled for National Guard duty in June.

Trustee Cornell spoke against hiring another full-time officer and start the Neighborhood Watch program again. Trustee Mahorney also spoke against hiring another full-time officer.

Trustee Richison stated another officer on duty during the nights and early mornings may allow for calls to be answered quicker.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Buck, seconded by Richison to hire Misti Smitley as a full-time police officer effective immediately. Vote: Mahorney, no; Richison, yes; Buck, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, no; Queen, yes.

Motion was made by Maden, seconded by Richison to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Mahorney, yes; Richison, yes; Buck, yes; Maden, yes; Cornell, yes. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Board approved _____