

Tow and Recovery Advisory Board Meeting

Warrenton Police Department

September 13, 2017

Staff Lead (non-voting): Prudhum/ Shiner

Members Present: Mike Zeets, Charlie Crummett, Dave Foster, Steve Wright, Ron Stanley, Neil Stribling, Aaron Conner

Members Absent: Eddie Payne, Sam Tilley

Other Attendees: Kim Walkup, Russell Crowe

Prudhum opened the meeting 5:59. He shared that a lot of things have been accomplished and he told the board that he has been a big time advocate of shifting back to patrol since most of discussions are from there. Prudhum shared changes that were noticeable to him: Structured process for meetings open dialog, filled long standing vacay, and the application process which is still in process.

Prudhum turned the meeting over to Corporal Shiner and Captain Zeets and reviewed what is in the packet: agenda, minutes from last meeting, and tow log reports. Steve Wright thanked Prudhum. Steve Wright thanked him for his time on the Board.

Zeets explained that he was appointed to Board July 13. Zeets thanked Lt. Prudhum. Zeets explained why he thought Corporal Shiner would be a good administrative person because he works flex hours so he will have time to devote and have availability to look at lots, etc. He is also more accessible. Zeets is working with Shiner to come up with ideas and is a firm believer to what is going forward and what the Board is looking at doing. He also wants to be open about complaints etc. Anything tow related contact Steve or himself. If you give to him he will give to Steve and by end of meeting they will make sure they have their information. They did update the website.

Corporal Shiner introduced himself. He works Tuesday- Friday 10 hour shifts and wants towing easy for deputies and for tow folks.

Review of Minutes from March 29, 2017- All tow board members reviewed minutes. Motion made to accept by Steve Wright Seconded by Mike Zeets

Public Time was opened. Crummett had question about point of contact Shiner, Crummett receives calls from and he forwards to Shiner not Zeets. Shiner agreed. Zeets said that he can refer to him and he will give to Steve to review if submitted to him. Zeets prefers that someone that has no vote do it. He already talked to Tracy about it.

Work Session was opened.

Zeets encourages Board to look through the ordinance, and he had some questions, 13.72 compensation to authorized towers and wanted to know if the information is provided to them as a tow board. Aaron Conner said if you ask for it that it is not generally handed to them. Zeets asked if it was something the Board would like to have since you can copies of pricing lists. Stribling commented that

90 % of all complaints have been pricing and he would. Stanley explained that he asked Prudhum a year or so ago that they have a meeting to review and that did not happen. Zeets asked the Board if they would like to have copies annually and told the Board members that he had brought copies to the meeting that he could give them and they are the ones from current cycle then if the board wants they can look at that stuff and do adjustments to the ordinance since there are no caps. Zeets said the way he reads it from talking to the county attorney the tow board can make recommendations and changes that you feel is necessary to keep everyone on an even playing field. Zeets envisions that the Board is supposed to be steering how towing is going in the county. He feels that the Board should be making the decisions. Law enforcement side they care that they get someone there within the time limit required and you are doing what you are supposed to and you get the road opened. Zeets will pass out rates at end of meeting.

Zeets read 13.75 from ordinance, we are in violation because need to use the same list. Crummett explained use same towers but not in the same order. Zeets said that we should be going through rotations. Zeets said that Tracy said fix is for the state police to investigate their own tow complaints which is not happening but Sheriff has not said what he wants to do about it. Zeets explained that that does not have to happen at the moment. Steve Wright made the recommendation that Zeets, Crummett and Shiner to go over and tell the Board at the next meeting what they come up with. Zeets said that they are going to go over that in the next few weeks. Zeets thinks they can tweak the ordinance to be clearer.

Zeets asked the Board if they wanted to know how many complaints- breakdown of types of complaints, whether founded or unfounded. The board continued to discuss this topic. Steve Wright thinks it would be a good idea that they bring it to the Board and let them know about them. Stribling said that they have had a lot of complaints as a board and have not had any complaints in over a year. Zeets feels that if a complaint is unfounded the Board should know. The board discussed the complaint form on the website. Zeets clarified if the complainant is in the county that Shiner will get with them. Zeets thinks this information would be helpful to the board.

Wright brought up question from previous meeting in regards to Rusty utilizing his own trucks that was not answered. Steve explained it is about whether or not Rusty can use his Heavy Duty or a rotator to pick the truck up. The board members discussed scenarios and subcontractors. Wright said that subcontractors are approved by Sheriff. Ron Stanley explained the service list. Crummett had Zeets read section 13.71 Section E. Rusty explained that he can't use his stuff from out of the county because there is a cap so he is just asking if he could use his stuff when he needs it. The board discussed further about the use of own equipment. Steve Wright said that if an ordinance change is needed he would support it. Zeets said that if the Board agreed that he would send to Tracy Gallehr to see if it needs an ordinance change but if you agree to it you would be the ones to complain would be a moot point. Zeets asked Foster his opinion and he said trucks have to be registered in the county. Foster would not have problems as long as it is registered in the county. Shiner asked for a vote. The board discussed air cushions. Aaron said that he thinks it is okay for him to use it, that the only thing required is to spend twenty five dollars and little red sticker, Zeets said you can't do that unless it is registered. Aaron said a least it would be inspected. Zeets said it would need to be sent to Tracy to see if it needs an ordinance change. Rusty said that if he can't use his own stuff that he would have to ask the Board to increase the cap. Aaron motioned that if he wants to use his heavy duty he is required inspection with sticker on it then we will make the decision on it. Seconded- none. Wright wants to defer to Tracy Gallehr. Wright

motioned to take to Tracy Gallehr. Stribling seconded. All members in favor. Hansford asked if they can get additional for clarification for subs from Tracy. Shiner said yes.

Shiner- since the last meeting we have Stats from Jan-August and asked for questions. Stribling said they look good but still does not understand the rotation and gave example. Stribling asked question about cancelled and refusals to Kim Walkup who explained how.

Next meeting scheduled for November 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Motion made by Steve Wright to adjourn, seconded and all good.