

Tow and Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Warrenton Police Department

April 26, 2023

Staff Lead: Lance Davenport

Board Members Present: Dave Foster, Neil Stribling, Russell Crowe, Eddie Payne, Ron Stanley, Aaron Conner

Board Members Absent: Sgt. Frantz

Others Present: William Quesenberry, Kenny Embrey, Michael Waggy, Kevin Griffith, Matt Hodge, Justin Foster, Perry Morris, Hansford Conner, Kim Walkup

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Lance advised the Board that there will need to be one amendment to the minutes being the addition of Kim attending. Ron Stanley motioned approval Seconded by Stribling. No Board member opposed.

Last meeting Davenport introduced Moran and Healy as new Board members. They were not approved, and the Board is not currently acting on those vacancies. Per County Attorney this was fine.

Public Time was open with no speakers.

Work Session:

At the last meeting there was a 3/3/1 vote Heavy duty increase to 4 tow companies. Lance talked to the county attorney who advised since it was a tie the Board of Supervisors won't look at it unless Sheriff's Office or another law enforcement entity has a documented need. The county attorney advised to put back up if Tow Board members would like to.

Rusty feels that there is still a need for at least one more. Aaron received phone calls that state police approved 3 in which Davenport clarified that Frantz said he would be more inclined with three. Aaron expressed he had no problem with it or the feedback. Aaron questioned 137 heavy duty calls in a year. Rusty clarified it included the state numbers.

Neil motioned to add 3 to heavy duty list. Ron Stanley seconded.

Ayes: 4 (Neil Stribling, Eddie Payne, Rusty Crowe, Ron Stanley)

Nyes: 2 (Aaron Conner, David Foster)

Lance will relay to Tracy.

Aaron discussed refusal on calls. He commented that others would love to have those calls. Lance verified code which does not list percentage, and he will chat with Tracy about her interpretation and run by the Sheriff. The Board discussed refusals further.

Hansford spoke about equipment assigned to each zone and the concern of having three wreckers for three zones. The Board discussed and Lance read ordinance regarding wreckers and confirmed that wreckers were not specified by zone and told the Board that would require an amendment.

Lance brought up that he talked to Tracy regarding charging due to a citizen having a processing fee. Tracy said it doesn't matter if credit card or debit card and you charge a percentage it was fine.

Lance announced accepting Applications May 1-15.

Rusty asked what the process is regarding the waiting list. Lance advised he would have to ask the county attorney, but his opinion is the spot would stay open. Lance advised the Sheriff's Office utilizes the applications received and whether it meets the minimum requirements in the code. He also informed that it is not an automatic renewal, and the call stats have not been a factor. The ultimate decision is the Sheriff's. The Board, attendees and Lance discussed it further.

Lance advised the Board that we were contacted by an outside company regarding application.

Aaron suggested to have amendment to Heavy Duty that you need a Rotator. Board and attendees discussed.

Aaron makes motion to change 60,000 lb. rating to minimum of a 100,000 lb. rating rotator which would be a 50-ton rotator. Seconded by Rusty.

Ayes: 6 (Aaron Conner, Ron Stanley, Russell Crowe, Neil Stribling, Dave Foster, Eddie Payne)

Nyes: 0

Davenport spoke to deputies about not asking for eta's. Lance defined tardiness as not within 30 or 45 minutes to respond.

Attendee questioned if sticker needed if removing debris, Example: Engine in road., Lance said since they are not towing actual vehicle and just debris, he does not have an issue.

Motion to close Neil Stribling, Seconded Rusty Crowe

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.