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Continued Discussion of K-9 Position MIPD – At the last council meeting the K-9 subject was sent back to Committee level. Chief Gruits spoke again to the Committee about having a donor and the money ready to pay for the annual Salary of \$1,220.00 for the first year of the contract. He would like approach this topic a little less about the money and about the unique skill set this can provide at least for a year and see how it goes and reevaluate. We can budget for the \$20.00 an hour activation. The other entities should they want to use the services would have to reach out to Sue Stejskal and her K-9 unit if they want to use the services. The committee has recommended to move forward with the contract for the K-9 unit with the same stipulations as previously discussed. They have asked the Chief of Police to bring to council in writing the clarification as to her abilities, services, emergency situations, uses and time frames etc.

Continued Discussion of Social Worker Position MIPD – Chief Gruits informed to council he was working with someone at Hiawatha Services to provide a social worker and mental health services at the Mackinac Island Medical Center a couple times a week and they would be available for online consultations. He believes this is a better fit for this position instead of the MIPD at this time.

Discussion of possibly adding the hiring of a 6th officer (Part Time Seasonal) in February, not to exceed the 9-month mark – Chief Gruits presented the numbers to the Committee that we worked out. The pay for two months on the higher pay grade would be approximately \$6,000.00 in advance of the upcoming season and current budget. Chief Gruits provided schedules and financials. MIPD would like to employ the candidate mid-February. The department had a deficiency in officers when chief Gruits was promoted to Chief. City attorney and chief Gruits will work on the proper pay rate that matches the collective bargaining agreement, which could result in the \$6,000.00 to be a lower rate. After extensive conversations with the Committee and City Attorney, the Committee recommends hiring the part time seasonal officer this year earlier than April 2025.

Discussion of E-bikes, Signage and the Ordinance. – Signage for current speed limits, State Park and the City need to move forward with the signage to be able to have them hung and available by no later than April. The committee had a conversation about the signs and placements of the signage. By the Library, by Mission Point and at Fort Street, dual sides so a total of 6 signs on M-185 with the speed limits on them. After lengthy conversations of placement, how many signs, etc. the Committee has asked City Foreman Mike Ruddell and Chief Gruits to work with Myron Johnson at the State Park to keep this moving forward. Chief Gruits also touched on the information campaign previously talked about in other meetings for informational purposes to residents and visitors.