



# **ELLSWORTH JEWELL STANHOPE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## **Police Board Minutes February 5th, 2026, Jewell City Hall 7:00PM**

Call meeting to order at 7:00pm at Jewell City Hall with the following members present: Marcy Olson, Mindy Hetland, Steve Butler, Barry Anksorus, Jeff Schroeder  
Members Absent: Mick Walker

### **Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Olson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hetland, all members were in favor of approving Agenda, motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion was made to approve minutes and financial statements by Anksorus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Olson, all members were in favor, motion carried.

### **Chief Report**

Chief Morton informed the Board the police department will continue to address nuisance abatements issues. During the winter months response efforts may be affected by unpredictable weather conditions. Nuisance properties will be prioritized as deemed appropriate.

### **CD Accounts**

On February 26, 2026, the CD in the amount of \$58,048.73 matures. Anksorus motioned to re-invest the monies into another six-month CD rate, Hetland 2<sup>nd</sup>, all members were in favor. It was entertained by Chairman Butler to remove eight thousand dollars from the CD and distribute that money to each city at a per capita rate to help assist with any overages. Further discussion determined to table the idea and to possibly return said amount to each city after the fiscal year.

### **Appointing Secretary**

Olson motioned to appoint Hetland secretary, Butler 2<sup>nd</sup>, all members in favor, motion carried. Congratulations Mindy!

### **Update from Stanhope**

Mayor Schroeder advised after a well-attended meeting and great feedback from the citizens of Stanhope, the consensus would be to remain with the EJS PD. The Council meeting on 2/10/2026 would determine the outcome.

### **Hiring Process**

The board advised moving forward with the hiring process, and informed Chief Morton to start advertising and set the deadlines.



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## **Budget**

After reviewing the proposed budget of \$236,944.89, to include a three percent wage increase for Chief Morton. Schroeder entertained a four percent increase however Morton did not feel it was necessary and that an element of fiscal responsibility was established in the proposal. Schroeder motioned to approve the three percent wage increase, Hetland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all members were in favor. Mayor Anksorus motioned to approve the budget, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schroeder, all members were in favor, motion carried.

## **28E Agreement**

The Board agreed to amend the 28E agreement to include adding a chairman and secretary with term limits. Chairman Butler motioned having Justin Deppe review the 28E agreement and recommend any changes, Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all members were in favor.

## **Adjournment**

With no further comments or discussion at 7:58pm Olson motioned to adjourn, Hetland 2<sup>nd</sup>.