

**CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
LAKE PLEASANT, NY
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 1, 2011**

Members present: Bill Farber, Rick Wilt, Neil McGovern, Ermina Pincombe, Bob Edwards, Barry Hutchins and Clark Seaman

**CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
9:30 AM**

Also present: Brian Wells and Karl Abrams

Karl came to the Committee Meeting to ask for permission to start up a Snowmobile Patrol. The Town of Arietta has donated a snowmobile and also Rick Swift is looking into a Law Enforcement Program. ENCON took advantage of that last year. It is similar to the program that we took advantage of this year with the Watercraft.

There is reimbursement for this; Hamilton County is allotted \$12,500.00.

Bill stated this is under the law enforcement piece, we claim the money for the grooming and there is a separate pot of money for the law enforcement.

Neil asked if we are not using any of that money. Karl stated that Inlet uses half of the \$12,500.00. Inlet has a full-time patrol.

Karl stated they are not going to do full-time patrol, only part-time. Karl is hoping to hire one of his boat patrolmen if the Committee will grant that. The part-time patrol would hopefully ride with a Peace Officer.

Karl reported that numerous people and clubs want to see law enforcement on the trails.

Karl stated he feels this is the time to do this; we have a sled donated to us and last year his personal sled was used for accidents.

Bill clarified that the sleds would be of no cost and we would bring in someone on a temporary basis that we can bill the hours back, Karl stated yes that is correct.

Bill asked if we get a second sled, is one of your deputies going to use that, Karl stated yes. He always has two on the weekends. One would be earmarked for snowmobile patrol and the other for road patrol.

Karl reported that everything can be reimbursed under the equipment. You can get gas cans, funnels etc. Snowmobile trailers are also reimbursed, because if he does get a second sled he would like to purchase an enclosed trailer.

Brian stated his concern with everything being reimbursable. Karl stated that Inlet quoted they use approximately \$6,000 to \$6,500 a year to do their patrol from the \$12,500.00.

Bill stated we will maximize that and if we don't use it we will purchase the trailer and then we will have it going forward. We will see how it goes and try to stay within that for the temporary hours and we can bill back the patrol hours.

Karl stated that they need to have 40 hours in the season to be able to bill back for the patrolmen hours.

Karl did state that he will have them patrol the whole County, not just locally.

Brian stated that he agrees with this but he feels that \$6,500.00 isn't going to get him too far.

Karl stated he has money left over for this year that he can buy the helmets, clothing and communications for in the helmets and then he can see what he has left for personnel hours.

Karl feels this will be a positive thing