

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
January 9, 2023

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Tessman, Commissioners Rob Derry, Dom Morelli, Paul Melanson and Lynn Hidek

Also present: Chief DeMaio, Captain Jakober, Captain DePietro, Sergeant Varone and Lourdes Rojas.

Absent: Dennis Donovan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Tessman. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the Public:

None

A motion was made by Commissioner Derry, seconded by Commissioner Melanson to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

- The Commissioners were provided with additional correspondence regarding a donation received for the Emotional Support Dog program.
- Chief DeMaio explained the circumstances involving a missing elderly couple from Massachusetts and the exceptional police work Officer Smith did after locating them.

Traffic Authority:

- John Street update- Chief DeMaio provided the Commissioners with a copy of the month long speed survey study that was conducted as well as a two-week study on wrong way drivers. Commissioner Derry requested the data be shared with the residents who expressed their concerns at the November meeting.

Chief's Report:

- Chief DeMaio provided each Commissioner copies of the 5-year Capital budget requests.
- Fleet-Several vehicles that are out of service are being auctioned off and Chief DeMaio would like that money as well as the \$15.00 administrative fee charged for extra duty jobs, to go into a fleet capital fund used to offset future costs for fleet replacement. Chairman Tessman agreed it was a logical request and the Commission would discuss it with the Town Manager and Town Council. Ultimately doing this would be some savings for tax payers in town.
- The budgets were discussed and Chief DeMaio answered any questions that the Commissioners had.
- Chief DeMaio discussed the State of the Department report and answered any questions the Commissioners had.
- Support Dog, Jagger is progressing well with his training and the program should be implemented fully by the early spring.
- Justice Navigator report-CPE will have an onsite Next week. A date and time will be scheduled for The Commissioners to meet with the team.
- Radio Project-The STEAP Grant money and ARPA funds were released, Town Manager Kilduff has signed contracts with Motorola and the State of Connecticut.
- New hire-background being conducted
- Two grievances to be heard at a later meeting, the union council member needed to push it back to a later date. Discussion occurred.

- Shoreline Diaper Drive- 6th year in a row and Chief DeMaio has a meeting regarding it on January 11th.
- Toys for Tots-Chief DeMaio commended Sergeant Pellegrini for his dedication to the drive and to the community support, it was the largest amount of donations ever received.

Captain Jakober's Report:

- Working on end of the year annual reports and inspections. Discussion occurred on those reports.
- CALEA policy writing continues.
- IT department updated cameras in the front entrance and side of the building.
- Replacement firearms testing with vendors will occur in the spring.

Captain DePietro's Report:

- Captain DePietro provided the Commissioners with the monthly stats report and Investigative section report. He answered any questions the Commissioners had.
- Captain DePietro provided the Commissioners with previously requested information regarding order in hours for manpower and calls for service at the Clinton Premium Outlets.
- The Order in hours report data showed that the maximum order- in's was for a total of 8 shifts during the previous fiscal year.
- Calls for Service at the Clinton Premium Outlets Data
28,000 calls for service during the previous year
1500 calls occurred at the outlets
230 were for shoplifting complaints, 50 resulted in arrests.
The additional 1270 calls there were for alarm activations, medical calls, animal complaints and other misc. calls for service.
Commissioner Hidek asked Captain DePietro if the shoplifters were organized retail theft and he commented that they were and frequently the shoplifting is reported to the department after the fact and not while the crime is occurring.
Commissioner Derry stated that the amount of calls for service at the Outlets is a drain on resources and the report indicates that.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Melanson stated that he and Captain DePietro attended a meeting regarding a request for a noise ordinance in town. It was learned that only one resident is requesting it and that after viewing data provided by Captain DePietro those calls for service are low and are being handled by officers. The committee will meet again in 3-6 months.

New Business:

- Chairman Tessman stated that Commissioner Hidek has given her retirement letter to him and her last meeting will be the February 13th meeting. Both Chairman Tessman and Chief DeMaio thanked Commissioner Hidek for her continued commitment to the department and the town.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Derry, seconded by Commissioner Hidek. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Shove
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Police Chief