

On JAN 27 2022 at 3:04pm

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Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

The Police Commission for the Town of Plainfield held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at the Plainfield Town Hall. The meeting was brought to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Dan Hutchinson.

Roll Call:

Member's present were: Dan Hutchinson, Ken Sheldon, Joe Sangermano, Bruce Dawley, and Colleen Lugauskas. Deputy Chief Wolfburg was also present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Commissioner Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2021, as presented. Commissioner Lugauskas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizens Participation:

None

Correspondence:

Deputy Chief Wolfburg provided members with a packet of statistics that he has put together with regards to the individual who has been communicating back and forth with the Department. Deputy Wolfburg stated that all this individuals' requests have been fulfilled to the fullest. The Town, the commission and the Police Department have fulfilled their obligations to this individual with regards to his issue with his motor vehicle stop.

Executive Report:

Deputy Chief Wolfburg gave a brief overview of what has been going on at the Police Department, and stated that recently there was a Board of Selectman, and Board of Finance meeting to discuss the records management System along with the replacement of a generator, it was successfully voted upon that the Records Management System and the generator was approved for funding and has been moved to a Special Town Meeting on February 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The Records Management System has been approved not to exceed \$220,00 and the generator \$84,000.

At the beginning of the month, 5 employees were out on quarantine due to having COVID, all have returned and are back on the road, and one Officer is out on a Workers Comp injury which was sustained during an interaction with an uncooperative prisoner but is hoping to be returning to work in the next coming week.

There are two cruisers that will be coming in, and two of the older line cruiser used for traffic will be taken offline, stripped down, and put up for sale.

The Department is looking into regionalizing with the Willimantic SWAT Team which would be a great opportunity and will give the Department a chance to utilize some of their resources. A memorandum of agreement is in the process of being developed. The criteria to join the SWAT team is an oral board interview, physical agility test and qualifications on the firearms range. Every month there is a training and every 6 months there is a physical agility/firearms training. Once the Memorandum of Agreement is complete it will be presented to the Commission.

Deputy Chief Wolfburg asked Commission members if they had any questions with regards to the budget presented. Hearing none, Commissioner Sheldon moved to accept the Budget as presented subject to change depending on future budgetary meetings. Commissioner Lugauskas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Training:

Chief Arriaga is in Quantico training and taking master's level courses and is doing well.

Officer Ian Fisher has begun the Academy on January 21, 2022 and is currently at the Police Department doing online classes. He will be transitioning to the Academy in the coming weeks.

Deputy Chief Wolfburg is completing Advanced Internal Affairs Training.

Trooper Esposito started training as a part time dispatcher and has been assigned to the weekend day shift and is doing great.

K-9 Officer Barile is going to a field training Officer course in March.

Officer Conway and Officer Hebert are finishing up their first phase their F.T.O. and are doing great.

Traffic:

The Department is working with the State to replace the speed limit sign with a solar speed limit sign to be installed on Black Hill at the intersection of Exley Road.

The Covid testing traffic issue at the Town Hall has been resolved.

There was discussion on the benefits of rumble strips being reinstalled on Black Hill Road. Commissioner Sheldon stated that several residents on Black Hill signed a petition to not reinstall the center rumble strips due to the constant noise that they create, and he feels that the residents' concerns should be considered. Commissioner Sangermano is in agreement. After a short discussion, Commissioner Lugauskas motioned that as the Traffic Commission, to recommend the reinstallation of center line rumble strips on Black Hill Road. Commissioner Dawley seconded. Commissioner Sheldon and Sangermano opposed. Commissioner Hutchinson voted in favor. Vote passed 3-2.

Executive Session:

None

Commissioner Comments:

None

First Selectman, Kevin Cunningham stated that the Town Meeting on February 3, 2022, is to discuss and vote on the appropriation of money for the generator and Records Management System and if voted in favor of the appropriations then it will move to a town meeting.

First Selectman Kevin Cunningham also stated that he has reached out to the State of Connecticut regarding obtaining the lighted signs for Black Hill and was told that they are not available until June and then based on requests by Towns, if there are some available then the Town would get them for free.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Sheldon moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:29 p.m. Commissioner Sangermano seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Mercier
Recording Secretary