

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES

The Police Commission for the Town of Plainfield held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the Plainfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Dan Hutchinson.

Roll Call:

Members present were: Dan Hutchinson, Colleen Lugauskas, Joe Sangermano, Bruce Dawley and Ken Sheldon. Chief Arriaga was also present.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 meeting as presented. Commissioner Sangermano seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizens Participation:

None

Correspondence:

Chairman Hutchinson read a letter of thanks from the retired Chief, Mike Surprenant.

Executive Report:

- Chief Arriaga stated that there are two Officers currently in the Academy, recruit Julie Jordan has approximately 3 weeks left and then will begin her F.T.O. Recruit Brandon Winakor is in his eighth week at the Academy and Kyle Sutcliffe is in his Field Training.
- There are currently no Officers out on Workers Comp.
- The hiring process of new Officers has begun and as of this date, 9 people have applied. There are currently 3 positions for Officers open.
- After a brief discussion with regards to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, Chief Arriaga highlighted a few items to include replacing a pickup truck, upgrades to the radio system and servers. Commissioner Lugauskas moved to submit the budget to the Board of Selectmen as presented by Chief Arriaga. Commissioner Sangermano seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- The jail cells are almost complete and look great.

Training:

Nothing to report at this time.

Second in Command:

Commissioner Sheldon moved to revert the title of Second in Command from Captain back to Deputy Chief of Police. This not only clarifies the rank and structure of the department, but also clarifies that the Deputy Chief is the commanding officer under direct supervision of the Chief of Police. In the absence of the Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief will assume command of the police department to the extent directed by the Chief of Police. This does not change the pay or benefits of the Second in Command. All policies and procedures shall be updated to reflect the title change. Commissioner Lugauskas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Lugauskas moved to go into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss Personnel matters and to invite First Selectman, Kevin Cunningham to join in. Commissioner Sangermano seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Dawley moved to come out of Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Sangermano seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Lugauskas moved to promote William Wolfburg to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police effective March 1, 2021. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Sheldon stated that he attended a breakfast for retiring Chief of Police Surprenant at the Police Department.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Sangermano moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:54 p.m. Commissioner Lugauskas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mercier
Recording Secretary