

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

The Police Commission for the Town of Plainfield held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 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, and Ken Sheldon. Bruce Dawley and Joe Sangermano were absent from this meeting. Chief Arriaga and Deputy Chief Wolfburg were also present.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 minutes as presented. Commissioner Lugauskas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Participation:

None

Correspondence:

None

Executive Report:

- Chief Arriaga gave an update on the process of hiring 3 new Officers and stated that the hiring process will close on April 1, 2021. The physical agility test will be held on April 10, 2021 and the oral exam will be held on April 14, 2021.
- Chief Arriaga stated that there are five Officers who applied for the position of Sergeant, Officer Ryan Barile, Officer Haley Griffin, Officer Caleb Schwartz, Officer Zach Wells and Detective Paul Gadue. They will be taking the written exam which is administered by the Law Enforcement Counsel (LEO). Chief Arriaga hopes to have the position filled by the next Commission meeting.
- Chief Arriaga discussed the Police accountability bill and how to fix some of the issues that arise in law enforcement, a "use of force bill" was highlighted to have Officers use every other force prior to using deadly force.
- The new cells at the Police Department have been completed. Pictures of the cells were distributed to Commission members to look at.
- Chief Arriaga discussed the Communication Infrastructure and the condition of the current radio system. Officer Barile tested the digital system in areas around town and every dispatch was clear. The new upgrade of radios, portable radios and dispatch console, would cost the department approximately \$110,000 with the department receiving \$95,000 from the State of

Connecticut for COVID-19 which will be used towards a new system. There would need to be a town meeting for approval and then go out to bid for the system.

- Chief Arriaga formally requested that Deputy Chief Wolfburg be assigned the role of the Local Traffic Authority on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Lugauskas moved to assign Deputy Chief Wolfburg to be the Traffic Authority. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Training:

Officer Julie Jordan graduated from the Police Academy on March 19, 2021 and is in her first phase of training with Officer Dan Wolfburg and anticipated to be on her own on May 18, 2021. Officer Winakor is doing well in the Academy and has an anticipated graduation date in June. Officer Sutcliffe is in his third phase of field training and is doing well.

Deputy Wolfburg stated that Officer Griffin attended a symposium on abused children and investigative techniques.

Traffic Authority:

Bike night is in the process of being organized and will be held on July 15, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Sheldon moved to go into Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. Commissioner Lugauskas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Lugauskas moved to amend the motion to go into Executive Session to invite First Selectman, Kevin Cunningham. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

At approximately 6:55 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Lugauskas to come out of executive session. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

There were no actions taken as a result of the executive session and there were no additional comments by the Commissioners.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Sheldon moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:56 p.m. Commissioner Lugauskas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mercier
Recording Secretary

