

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, CONNECTICUT

POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

The Police Commission for the Town of Plainfield held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the Plainfield Town Hall. The meeting was brought to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman, Daniel Hutchinson.

Roll Call:

Member's present were: Daniel Hutchinson, Kenneth Sheldon, Colleen Lugauskas, and Bruce Dawley. Chief Mario Arriaga, and Deputy Chief William Wolfburg were also present.

Acceptance of the Minutes:

Commissioner Lugauskas moved to approve the minutes for February 22, 2022, as presented. Commissioner Sheldon second. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Participation:

None

Correspondence:

None

Executive Report:

Chief Arriaga gave a brief overview of the Plainfield Police Departments latest information and updates.

The Police Union contract has been ratified and is now in effect.

As part of the union contract, the promotion to the position of Lieutenant has been put on hold until July 1, 2023, unless mutually agreed to in writing with the union and Chief Arriaga, prior to that date.

All computers at the department had to be re-imaged.

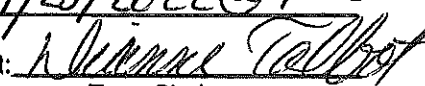
We have started the process with our records management system, which is NexGen.

NCIC/Collect is used to run plates, enter missing persons, run criminal history checks, etc. is now up and running as of today. We had been contacting Putnam Police Department and CSP Troop D to run this information at least 20 times a day.

Officer Keith Conway has completed field training and is now on his own. Officer Tyler Hubert is still in Field Training. Recruit Ian Fisher is approximately halfway through the academy and has anticipated graduation in July.

Chief Arriaga has received retirement letters from 3 police officers after years of honorable service.

Chief Arriaga would like to acknowledge Sergeant Todd Shaw and thank him for his 24 years of service and wish him the best of luck. His retirement date is July 1, 2022.

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Chief Arriaga would like to acknowledge Sergeant Gerry Geyer and thank him for his 22 years of service. He also wishes him the best of luck with his future endeavors. His retirement date is July 1, 2022.

Chief Arriaga would like to recognize Detective Sergeant Gadue and thank him for his 22 years of service. He wishes him the best of luck with his future endeavors. His retirement date is January 1, 2023.

Chief Arriaga would like to read all 3 letters of retirement for the record and ask that you accept all 3.

Commissioner Lugauskas made a motion to accept the resignation letters for Sergeant Todd Shaw, Sergeant Gerry Geyer, and Detective Sergeant Paul Gadue. Commissioner Sheldon seconded that motion. All in favor.

Chief asks the commission to allow him to move forward with the hiring process for both lateral and new recruits due to the three (3) pending retirements. If the budget moves forward, will need to hire a total of 4 police officers.

Commissioner Sheldon made a motion to accept the process for Chief Arriaga to go forward for the hiring process, laterally or new recruit(s). Commissioner Lugauskas seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chief Arriaga does not have much to report about the Dispatchers except that they are doing an amazing job and are the backbone of the department. He would like to hire another part-time Dispatcher, in the near future.

Chief Arriaga was away at the FBI National Academy for nearly 3 months. John Penny, from the Bulletin, wrote an amazing article about his FBI Nation Academy experience. Chief Arriaga like to thank the Deputy Chief for stepping in and doing a great job during my absence. This proves why he deserves to be in the position he is in today.

We will be starting the process to purchase a new generator and will be contacting the sole company that put in the bid as soon as we have capabilities with our computers.

This year we issued 7 new ballistic vests. Ballistic vests are only good for 5 years. A grant covered 50% of the cost.

The Police Department also received a JAG grant in the amount of \$34,000. This amount will be used to purchase ballistic helmets for each officer. In addition, they will be partnering with Daigle Law Group to who will review all policies, establish new policies, and ensure we are moving in the right direction to be accredited according to the new Police Accountability Act. Chief Arriaga want to thank Jordan Lumpkins, the Towns Grant Writer.

Training:

Deputy Chief Wolfburg discussed the following topics and updates for Training and Traffic.

Sergeant Bernier and Detective Sergeant Gadue have been re-certified.

K9 Officer Barile has completed Field Training Officer Program.

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Sergeant Daniel Wolfburg and Detective Griffin have been certified as Physical Fitness Instructors.

Sergeant Wolfburg has been certified as an instructor in handcuffing, baton, and OC spray.

Officer G. Griffin, K9 Officer Barile, and Officer Jordan have completed the entry tests (fitness, shooting) for the Region SWAT Team. All three will be attending SWAT school in May.

Officer G. Griffin completed the Pre-Test to become a Firearms Instructor. He is currently on the wait list for the school.

Officer Griffin is currently enrolled in Methods of Instruction, which is a pre-requisite to teach.

Traffic:

Turtle Crossing Signage is installed on Pond Hill Road.

Solar Speed Limit Sign on Black Hill Road application will be submitted after receiving guidance.

Stop Sign Study will be completed at the intersection of Packerville Road to determine if signage should be updated.

Old Canterbury Road signage request was received

Moosup Little League parade occurred successfully with no issues.

Connecticut Water Company has resumed working on Railroad Avenue.

An application for Give It-A-Tri Triathlon was received and approved for July 30, 2022.

Bike Night is approaching in July 2022.

State of Connecticut will be resurfacing Route 12 from Wauregan Road to Academy Hill Road. They also will be installing a Center Line Rumble Strip in various sections, to include Putnam Road between Shepard Hill Road and Route 205 and Pickett Road to East Main Street, Moosup.

Executive Session:

At approximately, 6:24 P.M. Chief Arriaga asked to enter Executive Session with Deputy Chief Wolfburg, and First Selectman Kevin Cunningham to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Sheldon motioned to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Lagauskas seconded that motion. All in favor.

Commissioner Lagauskas motioned to exit Executive Session with no action taken. Commissioner Sheldon seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commission Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Dawley moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:39 P.M. Commissioner Sheldon seconded this motion. All in favor.