

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

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The Police Commission for the Town of Plainfield held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the Plainfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman, Joe Sangermano.

Roll Call:

Members present were: Joe Sangermano, Colleen Lugauskas, Ken Sheldon and Bruce Dawley. Dan Hutchinson was absent from this meeting. Chief Arriaga and Captain Wolfburg were also present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Commissioner Sheldon moved to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2021 special meeting as presented. Commissioner Lugauskus seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizens Participation:

None

Correspondence:

None

Executive Report:

- Chief Arriaga stated that on May 20, 2021, Westminster Tool held a Mental Health Awareness event at the walking track at the Town Hall, several Officer participated.
- On May 24, 2021, three new recruits were sworn in, Tyler Hubert, Zach Yeaton and Keith Conway, and are due to start the Academy on June 4, 2021. They will be commuting daily for approximately 6 months, to the Police Academy for training.
- In September, Officers Ryan Barile and Gaike Griffin will be attending a Mothers Against Drunk Driving awards ceremony for their outstanding efforts to remove impaired drivers from the roadways.
- The Police Officers Union contract is expiring on June 30, 2021. Chief Arriaga and First Selectman, Kevin Cunningham will meet to discuss some much needed changes to ensure the efficiency of the department.
- Radios have been ordered and J & S Radio has met with the mechanic to finalize the radio infrastructure programming and is approximately 1 to 2 months to completion.
- Current Budget Update: The budget is currently in the red in the training line item. There continues to be a high demand for additional mandatory training by the State of Connecticut. The price for the academy continues to be high and so does the testing process for new applications. It is also anticipated that the overtime budget will be in the red. Chief Arriaga hopes that with some line item transfers that at the end of this fiscal year the bottom number will still be within budget.

Training:

- Deputy Chief Wolfburg stated that Officers H. Griffin and Wells, completed the course to become Field Training Officers (FTO).
- Officer Wells, K9 Officer Barile, Sgt. Geyer and Officer Diaz have completed their Federal Aviation Administration recertifications course.
- Officers Sutcliffe and Jordan have completed their Field F.T.O.
- Recruit Winakor successfully qualified on the Fire Arms Range, and completed a two week course that was held at the Norwich Police Department.

Traffic Authority:

- No parking signs have been installed at Moosup Elementary School.
- The truck complaints on Millbrook Rd, Gallup Street and Packerville Road have been addressed and no action can be taken.
- The applications and Highway use permit was approved for Plainfield bike night on July 15, 2021.
- The application for the use of State Highways for motorcycles was approved for "A Reason to Ride" to be held on June 13, 2021. It will begin at the Plainfield VFW and continue to Railroad Ave, then on to Route 12.
- The application for the Day Kimball Triathlon was approved for July 13, 2021.
- The application for the Memorial Day Parade at the Plainfield VFW was approved.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Sheldon moved to go into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. and to invite Chief Arriaga, Deputy Chief Wolfburg, and First Selectman, Kevin Cunningham to attend. Commissioner Lugauskas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Lugauskas moved to come out of Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. All in favor, motion carried. No action taken.

Commissioner Sheldon moved to restructure the Chain of Command at the Plainfield Police Department by adding the position of Lieutenant as presented in the Chain of Command Chart. The Lieutenant will be the 3rd highest ranking member of the Department directly under the Deputy Chief. The Chief of Police shall assist the Town in ensuring all aspects of the position and promotions are met during negotiations for this position with the Officers Union. Commissioner Lugauskas seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Lugauskas moved to adopt General Order 11-4 for the Lieutenant's position which may be amended from time to time by the Chief of Police. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Promotion for position of Sergeant:

Chief Arriaga state that it was a special day in the Department as they celebrate the promotion of Detective Paul Gadue. After reading a brief personal history, Chief Arriaga asked Commissioner Lugauskas to swear in Detective Gadue as the Departments new Sergeant.

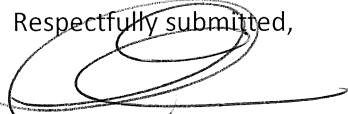
Commissioners Comments:

Commissioners congratulated Sergeant Gadue on his promotion.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Dawley moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:32 p.m. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carol Mercier

Recording Secretary