

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES

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The Police Commission for the Town of Plainfield held a meeting on Wednesday, November 23, 2021 at the Plainfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman, Daniel Hutchinson.

Roll Call:

Members present were: Daniel Hutchinson, Bruce Dawley, Colleen Lugauskas, Ken Sheldon, and Joe Sangermano. Chief Mario Arriaga and Deputy Chief William Wolfburg were also present. There were no absentees.

New Business:

Commissioner Lugauskas moved at 6:02 P.M. to add to new business to the agenda to include the Election of Officers and the 2022 Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Commissioner Sheldon moved at 6:03 P.M. to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting as presented. Commissioner Dawley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Participation:

At 6:04 P.M. citizens were given the opportunity to participate. No further conversation.

Correspondence:

At 6:05 P.M. the Commission discussed received correspondence from a citizen regarding an unlawful traffic stop. Citizen requested a policy change regarding everyone with "a white light" illuminating their license plate cannot be stopped if the other is out.

Chief Arriaga voiced a rebuttal to the correspondence to which he informed the Commission that the motor vehicle stop was lawful based on fitting the statutory requirements in order to stop the vehicle. Chief Arriaga in addition, summarized the motor vehicle stop and the outcome. In addition, Chief Arriaga cited an internal investigation that was discussed during the October 2021 Police Commission Executive Session in which the incident was investigated by the Professional Standards Officer.

The Commission weighed in on the correspondence stating that no action would be taken and that the Department investigation into the matter would be accepted. The Commission stated that they cannot move to create policy that contradicts state statute. The Commission agreed upon notifying the party in writing of their decision.

New Business:

At 6:12 P.M. the 2022 meeting schedule was presented. Commissioner Lugauskas moved to accept the 2022 meeting schedule as presented. Commissioner Sangermano seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Copy of schedule will be attached to the minutes and forwarded to the Town Clerk. Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Plainfield Town Hall.

At 6:14 P.M. Commissioner Sheldon nominated Commissioner Hutchinson for the position of Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioner Sangermano seconded the motion. No other nominations. Commissioner Lugauskas moved to close nominations. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

At 6:15 P.M. Commissioner Sheldon nominated Commissioner Sangermano for the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioner Dawley seconded the motion. No other nominations. Commissioner Lugauskas moved to close nominations. Commissioner Sheldon seconded. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

At 6:16 P.M. Commissioner Sheldon nominated Commissioner Lugauskas for the position of Secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioner Dawley seconded the motion. No other nominations. Commissioner Sheldon moved to close nominations. Commissioner Dawley seconded. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Results:

Chairman	–	Commissioner Daniel Hutchinson
Vice Chair	–	Commissioner Joseph Sangermano
Secretary	–	Commissioner Colleen Lugauskas

Executive Report:

At 6:17 P.M. Chief Arriaga discussed the following topics:

- Radio system transition has occurred.
- Recruits in academy are excelling with no issues, tentative graduation of December 23, 2021.
- All employees have returned from COVID and/or workers comp.
- December meeting the Commission will receive a fully updated budget.
 - o Concerns in overtime and dispatch line items identified.
- Custodian work has been an issue along with building maintenance. First selectman has allowed the Chief to obtain estimates from outside companies. This would be on a 20-25 hour per week basis.
- Hiring process has been difficult due to the inability to find candidates. Less individuals are applying, Plainfield PD does not have comparable pay or pension benefits as neighboring agencies.

Training:

At 6:24 P.M. Deputy Chief Wolfburg discussed the following:

- Officer Gage Griffin has completed his recertification.
- Officer Jose Diaz has been certified as a Field Training Officer.
- Detective Caleb Schwarz has completed Basic Crime Scene Photography course.
- Detective Hailey Griffin has completed Finding Words.
- Sergeant Daniel Wolfburg and Detective Hailey Griffin attended Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.
 - o Working to have 100% of the department certified in CIT.
- Deputy Chief Wolfburg completed Freedom of Information (FOI) training along with Dispatcher Nicholas Misale and Administrative Assistant Noelle Engle
- Dispatcher Michelle Parmeter has completed her part-time dispatcher training and is fully certified.

Traffic:

At 6:29 P.M. Deputy Chief Wolfburg discussed the following:

- Speed limit signs installed on Cemetery Road.
- Solar speed limit signs installed on Squaw Rock Road, and Starkweather Road. Signs were provided by State of Connecticut for municipal roads.
- Request for a road curve sign on Pratt Road was denied due to signage already in place.
- A petition was submitted regarding not reinstalling centerline rumble strips on Black Hill Road due to noise complaints. Deputy Chief stated he would be researching the issue and present further information at the December 2021 meeting.

Executive Session:

At 6:35 P.M. it was determined there was no executive session. Chief Arriaga stated that he did want to inform the Commission that several Officers assisted in food collection at the Food Drive the previous weekend and distribution earlier that day. It was stated that over \$5,000 was raised and that food was provided to over 300 families.

Commissioner Comments:

At 6:36 P.M. Commissioner Sheldon and Commissioner Sangermano stated they would have liked more information on the detective process. They were informed in the future they would be notified sooner of the process.

Commissioner Sheldon and Commissioner Sangermano also stated that they attended the food drive the past weekend and that it was a good turnout. The Commission was then informed of the Toy Drive approaching which would be held at all three (3) Dollar Generals on December 4th and December 11th.

Adjournment:

At approximately 6:39 P.M., Commissioner Dawley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sangermano seconded. All in favor, motioned carried.

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2022 SCHEDULED MEETINGS BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

All meetings to be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month
at the Plainfield Town Hall at 6:00 P.M.

1. February 22, 2022
2. March 22, 2022
3. April 26, 2022
4. May 24, 2022
5. June 28, 2022
6. July 26, 2022
7. August 23, 2022
8. September 27, 2022
9. October 25, 2022
10. November 22, 2022
11. December 27, 2022
12. January 24, 2023