

## **ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION**

**Commissioners Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Anthony Stenta, Joe Hafner**

August 24, 2021 Police Commission Meeting  
Rondout Municipal Center  
2:36 p.m. Meeting called to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Stenta

PRESENT: Commissioner Hafner, Commissioner Stenta, Chief Schaffrick (via telephone), Councilman Igoe (via telephone)

ABSENT: Supervisor Walsh

Commissioner Stenta made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2021 meeting; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner; Roll Vote: 2 Yes; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: Supervisor Walsh

### Chief's Report:

Correspondence: Chief Schaffrick received correspondence from the New Paltz Quakers regarding officers being trained in ways to solve conflicts without violence. Chief Schaffrick received a thank you note from Virginia Ferri, who was the former Principal of the Rosendale Elementary School and was happy that the building was being used. Chief Schaffrick received calls regarding speeding complaints on Route 213. Officers were out patrolling those areas. Chief Schaffrick has been talking to NYS Department of Transportation and they are investigating signage and speed limits. Chief is looking into traffic signs and message boards that the whole Town could use.

Personnel: Police Officer Kevin Doyle was hired and he has completed this Field Training and is on his own working. Chief Schaffrick stated that he is expecting the resignation of an officer in September and he is in the process of conducting a background check for a replacement officer.

Training: Firearms and legal updates have been completed. De-escalation training was completed on-line and all officers completed and will go into their records. Chief Schaffrick is calculating the additional training costs for the 2022 budget to meet the requests of the Police Reform Committee.

Vehicles: The Tesla (7F364) is completed and in service. Dodge Durango (7F363) is in service and the Department has a full fleet of vehicles. 7F365 sustained damage to the rear door from a person in custody. We will be seeking restitution for the damage.

Computers: All car computers are working well and switched over to Patrol PC.

Server: Everything was switched over last Thursday and working with Tracs to update from Tracs 10 to Tracs 18.

Body Worn Cameras: Chief initially ordered on May 5 and the company was sold and Chief has reordered everything on July 9 and the software should be delivered/shipped shortly to be installed on the new server. Chief received an email giving the software to be delivered in October and cameras shortly after.

Grants: Chief Schaffrick applied for an additional grant for 6 more body worn cameras.

Chief Schaffrick was notified that the grant from the Ulster County STOP DWI was in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Chief Schaffrick also applied for the Governor's Traffic Safety Council for the end of 2021 into the middle of 2022 and received \$600.00 for Seat Belt Enforcement and \$1,500.00 for regular Patrol Traffic Services for a total of \$2,100.00 Chief discussed how that money is used to offset complaints for speed on roadways. Chief Schaffrick filed a modification of this year's grant from the Seat Belt line and transferred \$1,000.00 to our regular Traffic Services.

Chief Schaffrick also applied for a grant for body armor for bulletproof vests which need to be changed out every 5 years which offsets the cost every year. Chief Schaffrick stated that he works with a federal program and a state program to save the Town money. Chief Schaffrick is waiting to hear back.

STATS: Chief Schaffrick stated that the calls for service to date are 3,852; Chief will report at next meeting on how many arrests and DWI's; there have been 56 accidents to date.

Commissioner Hafner asked when the Chief thought he would need to replace any vehicles and the Chief believes in about 1 1/2 to 2 years. Commissioner Hafner asked if body worn cameras are being used now and Chief responded not at our agency yet but some officers who work for other agencies do use them already. Councilman Igoe asked about the life span for the bulletproof vests was 5 years then stated he was glad that the federal and state programs reimburse for them.

#### Old Business:

Police Reform Committee: The digital dashboard had meeting on going with Ulster County Police Chief's Association and Ulster County Information Services and saw a demonstration. There is a meeting in September to discuss further and to make sure its ADA complaint to go one Town websites. The company they are working with for records management will be coming out in October with a newer version and how the digital dashboard will be specific for each agency to have their statistics available for the Town's websites. Chief Schaffrick stated that the Manual is being worked on for the availability to the public and will discuss further during Accreditation. Request for Training: Classes began in June. The department has had more community interactions such as Coffee with the Chief and the Food Truck at Bloomington Fire House.

National Night Out: Looking to do this event in October at the Rec Center.

Lights Out: This is a national program for people with vehicle issues to have their cars fixed (such as a taillight) to be fixed with a Voucher system. Will be checking with local auto repair placed in the area.

Coffee with the Chief: Chief Schaffrick stated that he had 2 meetings so far and will continue to do monthly which were well received at the Blackboard Bistro and Stewart's on Main Street.

Chief Schaffrick received a request from the Rosendale Camp for an officer to come to the camp for a presentation. Chief stated that they weren't able to do it because of possible COVID exposure and stated that he will reschedule with the Youth Group.

New Business: Chief Schaffrick submitted a request to the Town Board to move ahead with Accreditation which is Standards and Compliance Manual. Chief stated that he would like the department to be accredited and

that it will mandated in the future. The Town Board has approved the Chief's request. Chief discussed the process of being an accredited departments.

Chief Schaffrick discussed requests for police traffic services and would like to meet with the Commission to discuss guidelines and that there is a need to have a process in place.

Chief Schaffrick is attending a Police and Security Expo. He met with our ammunition supplier and the outstanding order from last year is being shipped. Chief Schaffrick will make a letter next week about speed signs and variable message signs for the Town of use which would be a portable one for the whole Town to use. Chief Schaffrick also talked to some radio manufacturers regarding new portables that are now out and available.

Commissioner Hafner asked about the accreditation expiring or recertifying and the Chief discussed the process.

Chief Schaffrick stated that the Town Board, in accordance with the Police Reform Committee, appointed Terry Johnson and Richard Wright as Community Liaisons for the Police Department so the public can reach out to them with any questions or concerns. Chief Schaffrick stated he will see if they can attend next month's meeting. Councilman Igoe asked about setting up an email address for the Liaison for people to contact them.

Commissioner Hafner asked to go into Executive session to discuss employment of a particular person at 3:18. Executive session ended at 3:30 p.m. with no action taken at this time. Commissioner Hafner made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 p.m, 2nd by Commissioner Stenta.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman  
Deputy Town Clerk