

ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION

Commissioners Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Anthony Stenta, Joe Hafner

November 23, 2021 Police Commission Meeting

Rondout Municipal Center

2:42 p.m. Meeting called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Walsh

PRESENT: Supervisor Walsh, Commissioner Hafner, Chief Schaffrick, Community Liaison Richard Wright

ABSENT: Commissioner Anthony Stenta, Councilman Igoe, Community Liaison Terry Johnson

Councilman Matt Igoe thanked Chief Schaffrick for all of the work that he has done for the town. Supervisor Walsh thanked Councilman Igoe for his time as Town Board member and with the Reform Committee and Town Board Liaison for the Police Department.

Commissioner Hafner made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2021 meeting; 2nd by Supervisor Walsh; Roll Vote: Yes 2; Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0; Absent: Commissioner Stenta.

Chief's Report:

Chief received correspondence from Mark Murano of the NYS Department of Transportation, who reviewed the signage and speed on State Route 213 between Binnewater Road and Cottekill Road, and stated that the signage is property posted. Chief noted that patrols are still in that area for the speeding complaints.

Personnel: Chief Schaffrick stated that he received one resignation from a full time employee and one resignation that he is expecting at the end of the month from a part time officer. Chief stated that he has the one new hire and looking for a 90 day temporary appointment which will be further discussed in Executive Session.

Vehicles: The issue with 7F362 water pump was paid under warranty and there are no other issues with the vehicles.

Computers/Servers: The original quote for the server did not have a quote for the main controlling software unit of \$500.00 which is needed for the server. Chief is looking to replace Peggy's computer next year and will use her old computer for the kiosk for the Body Worn Cameras.

Body Worn Cameras: The body worn cameras went into effect last month with no issues.

Grants: Chief Schaffrick is still waiting for the reimbursement from Ulster County for the server and high speed scanner that the department needed to purchase for the new discovery laws.

Training: Cycle 3 training is now completed with simunations, real life scenarios, legal updates and firearms and the Chief briefly described the training. Chief Schaffrick and Sergeant Lewis attended an Internal Investigation training which covered the New York State Attorney General Office's regarding their investigations of involving law enforcement. Chief Schaffrick and Sergeant Lewis attend another training class last week that was hosted by the Dagal Law Group regarding agencies liabilities, use of force and additional

First Amendment training. Crisis Intervention Training in the beginning of December and Chief stated 2 new officers have not attended this training, but 1 was being sent from another agency where he works part time and Chief is trying to get the other officer to adjust his work schedule to attend.

STATS: Chief Schaffrick stated that there were approximately 4,960 calls for service to date and that number is up a little because it includes property checks, there were 158 criminal in nature cases; 75 arrests to date; there were 105 property damage accidents and 30 personal injury accidents.

STOP DWI and High Visibility patrols are scheduled to be out for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, which the extra patrols are paid through grants. Chief put in a request to the County to put a speed trailer on Main Street for at least a week and patrol cars are continuing to check Main Street. There was a brief discussion about Town possibly purchasing a portable speed trailer.

Old Business:

Brookside School Evacuation Drill went well with no issues.

Bicycle Ride for Rosendale Food Pantry - Chief still has to complete the ride.

Comment Cards – We received the comment cards and Chief is looking into the pre-paid postage for them so they can be handed out.

Accreditation – The department is still on track to be completed in the spring 2022.

New Business:

Chief has begun the Employee Evaluations and should be done by the end of the year.

Annual Use of Force Report - Chief has started the report and there have been 0 reports this year.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Adam Montfort; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner; Roll Vote: Yes 2; Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0; Absent: Commissioner Stenta.

Liaison Richard Wright thanked the Chief for his work. He stated that he has not been contacted by anyone with any incidents.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion at 3:10 p.m. to go into Executive Session; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner; Roll Vote: Yes 2; Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0; Absent: Commissioner Stenta.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to appoint Police Officer Nolan Secreto to a 90 day temporary full time position starting December 1, 2021; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Executive Session ended at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman
Deputy Town Clerk