

ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION

Commissioners Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Anthony Stenta, Joe Hafner

May 24, 2022 Police Commission Meeting
Rondout Municipal Center
3:30 p.m. Meeting called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Walsh

PRESENT: Supervisor Walsh, Commissioner Stenta, Chief Scott Schaffrick, Councilman Havranek,
ABSENT: Commissioner Hafner, Community Liaison Terry Johnson, Community Liaison Richard Wright

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2022 meeting; 2nd by
Commissioner Stenta; Roll Vote: Yes 2; Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0, Absent: Commissioner Hafner.

Correspondence: Chief Schaffrick received a letter from the High Falls Conservatory thanking the Police Department for the use of a pop-up tent. Chief Schaffrick stated that he posted congratulations to Officer Fagerstrom for his recent graduation from SUNY Ulster. Chief Schaffrick also received a phone call thanking Officer Fagerstrom who assisted at an accident site while off-duty and helped out until officers were able to arrive.

Chief's Report: Personnel: Chief Schaffrick stated that there have been no new hires and no resignations. Chief Schaffrick stated that there have been staffing issues, Officer Fagerstrom will be away for Military Leave and officer's availability has been limited due to their full-time employment. Chief Schaffrick stated he is still looking for a full-time candidate. There was a discussion about the COPPS Grant and the current staffing.

Vehicles: Chief Schaffrick stated still down one vehicle and would like to move forward with getting a new vehicle. There was a brief discussion about vehicle types to purchase.

Body Cameras: Chief Schaffrick stated that the department is still waiting for 5 body worn cameras that were part of a grant.

Grants: Chief Schaffrick is waiting to hear back on 2 grants from the Governor's Traffic Safety Council. One was for a portable speed sign. There was a brief discussion about the speed sign and where to set it up. Chief also stated that he spoke to Ulster County Highway and New York State Department of Transportation and they have cut the brush back and moving the stop signs to improve the line of sight at Route 32 and Dewitt Mills Road and Dewitt Lake Road. Chief stated he was waiting for Town Board approval to do a traffic study at this location and there was a brief discussion about it. Chief stated the second grant from Governor's Traffic Safety Council was for Buckle Up and Aggressive Driving, and that he was also waiting to hear back from Ulster County STOP DWI regarding allocation amount.

Portable radios: Chief receiving 6 additional portable radios as part of a grant and will need to pay for the programming from NYCOMCO. Chief Schaffrick discussed towers in the area.

Training: Chief Schaffrick stated that members are still attending Cycle 2 training until the end of June which includes firearms and reality based scenarios. Two officers recently attended Domestic Violence Training. Chief will be sending 2 officers to Crisis Intervention Training in the future.

Department STATS: Chief did not have the total of calls for service but there have been 43 arrests to date and 72 criminal cases. Investigator Bell is reviewing cases and closing them out. The evidence vault was looked at and reviewed to be updated. The records management system is being updated.

New Business: Chief Schaffrick stated that the department has been busy with traffic studies, new 911 addresses. The Memorial Day Parade is on Monday. The Alpha Winds Triathlon is on June 25. The Mental Health Bike Ride is also scheduled and waiting to hear back regarding revised plan. Chief Schaffrick also received plans for SRT Run, and he has received 2 more applications for events that he has to review. Chief Schaffrick had a meeting for the Rosendale Street Festival which is scheduled for July 16 and July 17, and there was a discussion.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta; Roll Vote: Yes 2; Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0, Absent: Commissioner Hafner.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman
Deputy Town Clerk