

ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION

Commissioners Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Anthony Stenta, Joe Hafner

January 24, 2023 Police Commission Meeting

Rondout Municipal Center

3:35 p.m. Meeting called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance: Deputy Supervisor Ken Hassett

PRESENT: Commissioner Hafner, Commissioner Stenta; Chief Scott Schaffrick, Sergeant Keith Lewis, Community Liaison Terry Johnson, Deputy Supervisor Ken Hassett

ABSENT: Supervisor Walsh, Community Liaison Richard Wright

Commissioner Stenta made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022 meeting; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner; Roll Vote: Yes 2; Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0, Absent: Supervisor Walsh.

Correspondence: Chief Schaffrick stated that the annual Police Reform Committee Survey that the Police Commission conducted during the month of December and we received 1 response back this year.

Commissioner Hafner recommended that a comment section should be added to a few questions for clarification or explanation and a brief discussion was held. Chief Schaffrick received a letter from the Rosendale senior community asking to do a talk on scams and he and Sergeant Quigley are going to their meeting tomorrow to discuss scams. Chief Schaffrick stated that he has done Coffee with the Chief. Chief Schaffrick stated that he received 2 letters of commendation for Officer Funccius; one stating that during a traffic stop he was compassionate and offered to help the individual get home; the second one was thanking Officer Funccius during a medical call for this professionalism. Chief Schaffrick sent a letter to the Office of Public Safety replying to an audit of the police department. Chief Schaffrick stated that they were auditing all police departments. He had to send all information they requested for hiring and mandated reporting. Chief submitted our policies, proofs of policies, complete employment packages, backgrounds, and mailed it out last week. Chief Schaffrick stated he expects another audit in the future.

Personnel: Chief Schaffrick stated he received the resignation of Officer Kevin Doyle and Officer Jesse Vail. Chief Schaffrick stated that he expects 2 more resignations and he will discuss further in Executive Session.

Vehicles: Chief Schaffrick stated that all vehicles are operational and he is prolonging buying a new vehicle in the spring until maybe fall or next year.

Grants: Chief Schaffrick stated that he filed 2 weeks ago for a Live Scan fingerprint system and discussed the process of how officers do fingerprints and since the Ulster County Sheriff Department's scanner broke down, we could not scan fingerprints. Chief Schaffrick applied for that grant through the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). Chief Schaffrick stated that the Data Master is owned by Department of Criminal Justice Services but that the Police Department maintains it. It had to be sent to Albany 4 times to be serviced and fixed and came back the other day and is now all set.

Department Stats: Chief Schaffrick stated that there have been 270 calls for service; there are 10 open criminal cases; there have been 9 arrests to date; there has been 1 personal injury automobile accident and 5 property damage accidents. Chief Schaffrick briefly discussed a few arrests.

Training: Chief Schaffrick stated that there were 2 scheduled training for February, which were principle policing and an in service training and stated that he is waiting and will do all of the training at the same time.

Old Business: Accreditation is still going forward. Chief completed the audit from DCJS. Investigator Bell is working on getting all paperwork such as court dispositions, and closing out files and is scheduling the evidence destruction at the end of February and he will set up the evidence room to Accreditation compliance/standards.

New Business: Chief Schaffrick had the Rosendale Police Department annual report for 2022 which included the use of force. Chief Schaffrick stated that the department had no uses of force. Chief asked the Commissioners to review the report and email him that they approved and had no issues or concerns with the report and the Chief will forward the report to the Town Board for their acceptance and he will then release it to the public. Chief Schaffrick added more information about the department to the report. Chief Schaffrick stated that the Department Awards was held in December, 2022 at the Rec Center. Chief Schaffrick is submitting 3 nominations to the Ulster County Police Chief's Association for consideration. Chief Schaffrick stated that the department is moving their locker room down by the gymnasium. The vending machines were moved and Chief Schaffrick stated that new lockers were purchased through Corcraft at a reduced rate and that the old locker room will become an officer ready room. Chief Schaffrick stated that on the police department's Facebook page a young man visited the department from the UK and Chief received a message that the young man, who is 10 years old, was 1 of 3 kids to get accepted into their local police training (mini police). He had to submit an application about policing and he wrote about his trip to see the department in New York and they thanked the department for everything they did and had a positive visit to the department.

Commissioner Stenta made a motion that the survey was successful and to forward the 1 response on to the Town Board; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: Yes 2; Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0, Absent: Supervisor Walsh.

Commissioner Hafner made a motion to go into Executive Session at 4:11 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta. Roll Vote: Yes 2; Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0, Absent: Supervisor Walsh.

Executive Session ended at 5:05 p.m. with no decisions made. Commissioner Stenta made a motion to adjourn at 5:06 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner; Roll Vote: Yes 2; Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0, Absent: Supervisor Walsh.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman
Deputy Town Clerk