

ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION

Commissioners Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Anthony Stenta, Joe Hafner

May 23, 2023 Police Commission Meeting

Rondout Municipal Center

3:30 p.m. Meeting called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Walsh

Present: Supervisor Walsh; Commissioner Hafner, Commissioner Stenta; Chief Scott Schaffrick, Councilman Havranek, Community Liaison Terry Johnson

Absent: Community Liaison Richard Wright

Supervisor Walsh asked for a moment of silence for Terry, who lost his sister this past month.

Supervisor Walsh asked if anyone saw the story in the Freeman about the gift cards from the Rosendale Food Pantry, MyTown Market and the Police Department and there was a brief discussion about it. Chief Schaffrick also described the Lights Out Program and he is looking into funding for that program in the future.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2023 meeting; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta; Roll Vote: Yes 3.

Chief's Report: Correspondence: Chief Schaffrick stated he had no new correspondence this month. Supervisor Walsh stated that at the Supervisor's meeting the Courts were there and they discussed centralized arraignment program that the County is looking to start. Supervisor Walsh described the program and there was a brief discussion.

Personnel: Chief Schaffrick stated that he received the resignation of Officer Dakota Wagner, who is working full-time for another agency. Commissioner Stenta made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Wagner; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: 3 Yes. Chief Schaffrick stated that he is conducting interviews on May 30th and looking to hire part time officers. Chief Schaffrick stated that during May it is National Law Enforcement Memorial Week. He stated that last week was the Police Line of Duty Death Memorial Service which was held at the Woodcrest Bruderhof which all agencies in Ulster County attend. Chief said that the Bruderhof had a lunch picnic for those in attendance. The Bruderhof also hosted a community prayer breakfast in the morning. Chief stated the annual Ulster County Police Chief's Association Awards are tomorrow night (May 24) and that they haven't had it for the past 3 years because of COVID. Chief Schaffrick stated that Commissioner Hafner's son and 3 members of our department, Sergeant Quigley, Investigator Bell and Police Officer Erich Funccius are all receiving awards. Chief Schaffrick stated that there are a total of 60 awards being given out. Chief Schaffrick stated that Ulster County STOP DWI awards will be given out that night too since they haven't held awards either. Supervisor Walsh stated that the next thing is the Memorial Day Parade on Monday and starts at 10:00 am at the Tillson Fire Department. Chief Schaffrick stated that Officer Fagerstrom is going to be walking again as part of the Legion's Honor Guard.

Vehicles: Chief Schaffrick stated he has no problems with any of the vehicles and everything is operational and no major issues. Chief Schaffrick stated he is working on a quote to replace 365. Chief Schaffrick stated he is

looking to take equipment from 365 and put into the new vehicle. There was a brief discussion regarding the purchasing of vehicles and getting them upfitted with equipment.

Grants: Chief Schaffrick stated that he has no new grants and that he was waiting for the Ulster County STOP DWI award letter for next year. Chief Schaffrick stated that he did not apply for the Bullet Proof Vest Grant because he has 2 accounts open already with money in them and he will be buying new vests by the end of this year. He stated he will apply for the grant next year. Chief will check into the Lights Out Program and funding for next year.

Chief Schaffrick stated that the bullet resistant window was picked up and he is waiting to hear back about when the block will be put in. Chief stated that buildings and grounds measured for a new door and that once the window and door are done, the office will be rearranged for more room.

Chief Schaffrick stated that he has a meeting with Cyber Guardian tomorrow for switching over the police department's emails and there was a brief discussion about the emails and new phone system.

Training: Chief Schaffrick stated the department is currently doing Cycle II training which is firearms and computer simulation. Chief stated that he is waiting for the new training cycle to come from the Sheriff's Office. He stated that he is talking to the City of Kingston and Town of Ulster for possible training in the future. There is a Ju Jitsu club which started in the building and they opened classes up to our officers to do classes.

Department STATS: Chief Schaffrick stated that there have been 1,743 calls for service/incidents; there are 104 criminal cases; there have been 49 arrests to date; there have been 10 personal injury automobile accidents and 25 property damage accidents.

Old Business: Chief Schaffrick said he got a call from the Freeman about the gift cards hopefully will have the protocols done and will have them up and running next week. Chief already discussed the Memorial and Awards.

Commissioner Stenta made a motion to go into Executive Session at 4:32 p.m. to discuss the employment of a person; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: Yes 3.

Executive Session ended at 5:02 p.m. with no decisions made. Commissioner Hafner made a motion to adjourn at 5:03 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta. Roll Vote: Yes 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman
Deputy Town Clerk