

## ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION

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

September 26, 2023 Police Commission Meeting  
Rondout Municipal Center  
3:31 p.m. Meeting called to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance: Deputy Supervisor Hassett

Present: Commissioner Hafner, Commissioner Stenta; Chief Scott Schaffrick, Deputy Supervisor Hassett; Community Liaison Terry Johnson  
Absent: Supervisor Walsh, Councilman Havranek, Community Liaison Richard Wright

Deputy Supervisor Hassett asked for a moment of silence for Sgt. Lewis' father who recently passed away.

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

Chief's Report: Correspondence: Chief Schaffrick stated he had one correspondence that Peg transposed from someone who came into the office to compliment everyone from the Williams Lake incident a year ago.

Personnel: Chief Schaffrick received a resignation letter from Officer Schmidt, who is working full time for another agency. Commissioner Stenta made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Schmidt; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: 2 Yes; Absent: Supervisor Walsh. Chief Schaffrick stated that Officer Normann has completed his field training and is doing well.

Vehicles: Chief Schaffrick stated that the old 365 Ford vehicle, needed new tires and brakes which he had new tires here to put on and repaired the brakes and that vehicle is in service today. Chief Schaffrick stated that he received a request from Marbletown Rescue, as that vehicle is due to go to auction at some point, to see if we would donate the 365 Ford vehicle to them and they would use the vehicle as a response vehicle. Chief Schaffrick stated that the Commission and the Town Board would have to review and decide. Chief Schaffrick spoke to the upfitter and the new 365 is ready to be picked up tomorrow. The Patrol PC computer that the department received free from the State did not have a modem built into it, so the department purchased a rebuilt new one for less than half of the cost for a new one. Chief Schaffrick stated that the free computer that was received from the State will still be used in the office. Chief Schaffrick stated that he is looking to put the vehicles on a rotation and would like to budget for 1 new car per year and that the average patrol vehicle is lasting about 5 years.

Grants: Chief Schaffrick stated he received \$23,000.00 grant for the digital fingerprint system and he is checking on which system to get which would be compatible through the County and State. Chief Schaffrick stated that he is going to put in new cabinets and countertops to hold the LiveScan and Data Master. Chief Schaffrick stated he is waiting for the new STOP DWI grant award to come out for High Visibility. Chief Schaffrick received an announcement about a new tech grant and a request for information. The grant is based on technology and the Chief is looking to apply for the grant to outfit the next 2 police cars with all of lights, radios, computers and anything in the station.

Department STATS: Chief Schaffrick stated that there have been 3,055 calls for service to date, there are 200 criminal cases, there have been 96 arrests, and there have been 16 personal injury accidents and 67 property damage accidents.

Training: Chief Schaffrick stated that all officers completed Firearms and Rifle training this past month. Chief had a training scheduled in October but just received a notice that the training was cancelled but he is looking to see if a training can be scheduled with the Town of Ulster Police Department. He is also looking to have a training here during the winter. Chief Schaffrick stated that Officers Scheible and Fagerstrom attended a DWI Training in August in Dutchess County.

Old Business: Chief Schaffrick stated that the department has handed out 2 gift cards/food cards which were provided by the Food Pantry. The new window has been installed in the police department. The new door was installed about 2 months ago and the new door lock was installed about 2 weeks ago. Chief Schaffrick stated that the Centralized Arraignment Program (CAP) which has been discussed in the past, and that the Sheriff came out with a new, updated one based on input that he got, which was forwarded to all of the Supervisors and that they were going to the next Police Chief's meeting on October 4. There was a brief discussion about arraignments.

New Business: Chief Schaffrick stated that the hiring process is changing and that every police department was audited back in March. Chief Schaffrick stated he was requested to add some things to our hiring process. He sent a complete hiring package to DCJS for review and he has to fix a few things. Chief Schaffrick stated that the standards are changing and he discussed some of the changes, the hiring process and tests that need to be done for hiring. Chief Schaffrick stated that Ulster County Civil Service is not giving a police officer test this year. Chief Schaffrick stated that he has a meeting tomorrow with DCJS regarding a meeting scheduled for October 24 to discuss the process of hiring and the academy. Chief Schaffrick discussed the process of the academy and civil service process.

The Police Commission Survey - There was a copy of a proposed 2023 survey for the Commissioners to review to see if there are any changes to add or delete anything for the next meeting.

Community Liaison Terry Johnson said he hasn't heard from anyone in the community and there are no issues.

Commissioner Hafner made a motion at 4:07 p.m. to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta. Roll Vote: 2 Yes; Absent: Supervisor Walsh.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman  
Deputy Town Clerk