

## ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION

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

February 27, 2024 Police Commission Meeting  
Rondout Municipal Center  
3:33 p.m. Meeting called to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Walsh

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

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 28, 2023 meeting; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta; Roll Vote: 3 Yes.

### Report:

**Correspondence:** Chief Schaffrick stated that he received a Facebook message received for Officer Fagerstrom for a call. He also received a letter thanking Officer Funccius, Officer Scheible and Officer Villalon for a call. Chief Schaffrick stated he received a Facebook message regarding a road closure that the Chief will discuss in Executive Session since it revolves around personnel.

**Personnel:** Chief Schaffrick stated there has been no change in personnel. Officer Villalon, who was approved in November is working solo shifts and shifts with other people and is working out very well.

**Vehicles:** Chief Schaffrick stated that all vehicles are operational. He stated that the Town is going to take the old 365 once all of the police equipment is taken out.

**Grants:** Chief Schaffrick stated he has the grant for the LiveScan and that the Processing room is painted, new camera and wires are here, he got the cabinets and countertops yesterday and they are being installed, an electrician came in this morning and moved the electrical box. Chief stated that the actual unit was delayed in ordering to allow the County to upgrade their software which is being completed and he will order the LiveScan.

**Training:** Chief Schaffrick stated that Sergeant Quigley attended a FBI Leadership training. Officer Normann and Officer Villalon are attending Data Master Training which is for DWI testing. Investigator Bell is scheduled to attend New Evidence Room Management training. Chief stated that there is a new in-service training program and the department will be working with the Town of Ulster and City of Kingston Police Departments and described the training. Chief Schaffrick stated that some of the topics include legal updates, use of force, work place violence, defensive tactics, reality based training, firearms, ballistic shield work, and vehicle stops. Chief Schaffrick stated that both Sergeants are assisting in the teaching of the reality based training. Chief Schaffrick stated that the police departments in the County are moving towards doing a County wide in-service training program and briefly described the training program. Chief Schaffrick stated that Sergeant Lewis is teaching Crime Prevention and Instructor Development at the police academy. Chief also stated that Sergeant Quigley is working with the Sheriff's Office, Town of Lloyd and Town of Ulster Police Departments at the Civilian Police Academy and she is on the Executive Board and will be teaching there. Chief described the academy's 9 week program. Chief Schaffrick stated that Officer Funccius has been assigned the Ulster County Dive & Water Rescue team.

**Department STATS:** Chief Schaffrick stated that for the month of December there were 381 calls for service. Chief stated that the end of the 2023 year numbers that there were 4,200 calls for service; 286 criminal

cases; 139 arrests; 21 personal injury automobile accidents; and 107 property damage automobile accidents. Chief Schaffrick stated for the month of January 2024, there were 404 calls for service; 24 criminal cases; 13 arrests; 3 personal injury automobile accidents and 12 property damage automobile accidents. Chief Schaffrick stated that year to date there has been 855 calls for service; 51 criminal cases; 28 arrests; 5 personal injury automobile accidents and 20 property damage automobile accidents.

Old Business: The 2023 Police Commission Survey received 2 responses this year. The first response stated: (1) The police department needed to improve community relations and commented that we need to do foot patrol once in a while. Chief Schaffrick stated that there were 144 street patrols on Main Street last year which did not include Street Festival; (2) The person responded that they never see communications from the Rosendale Police Department. Chief Schaffrick stated there were 115 Facebook Posts in 2023 and that there are 4,164 actual followers of the Rosendale Police Department page; (3) The person has had no contact with Rosendale Police Department in the last 12 months. The second response contradicts the first response all praises, but also has not had any contact with the Rosendale Police Department in the last 12 months. Commissioner Stenta made a motion to send the report to the Town Board; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: 3 Yes.

Chief Schaffrick stated that Officers have given out 4 of the gift cards from MyTown Market so far since it started.

Chief Schaffrick stated that he is planning the department Awards ceremony for the beginning of March, 2024. Chief Schaffrick stated that he is submitting 4 awards to the Ulster County Police Chiefs Association for consideration.

New Business: Chief Schaffrick stated that William Moylan's funeral was the largest at Moylan's Funeral Home with an estimated 4,000 people attended the wake and about 400 people attended the funeral service. Chief Schaffrick implemented our Incident Action Plan which set up detours. Chief Schaffrick received 1 complaint and he will discuss further in Executive Session.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to go into Executive Session at 4:15 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta. Roll Vote: 3 yes.

Executive Session ended at 4:45 p.m. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to send a letter to the file regarding the one complaint letter, 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: 3 Yes. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the 2023 Annual Police Report; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta and all in favor to forward the 2023 Annual Report to the Town Board. Roll Vote: 3 yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 4:47 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman  
Deputy Town Clerk