

ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION

Commissioners Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Anthony Stenta, Joe Hafner

November 26, 2024 Police Commission Meeting

Rondout Municipal Center

3:34 p.m. Meeting called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Walsh

Present: Supervisor Walsh, Commissioner Hafner, Chief Scott Schaffrick, Councilman Havranek, Community Liaison Richard Wright

Absent: Commissioner Stenta, Community Liaison Terry Johnson

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2024 meeting; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner; Roll Vote: 2 Yes, Absent: Commissioner Stenta.

Chief's Report: Correspondence: Chief Schaffrick received 2 letters. One was for Officer Vincent for the Zombie Escape Ulster Corps 5K at Williams Lake. The second letter was for Officer Villalon and Officer Scheible regarding their help with a dog.

Personnel: Chief Schaffrick stated that he is waiting for the Civil Service list for the police officers exam that was in September. He has 1 candidate he would like to hire full-time. Chief stated that he has another officer he is looking to hire part-time who would lateral over from another department. Chief stated that they are currently doing a background on that person and 1 other person. He stated that polygraphs are now part of the background investigations. There was a discussion regarding hiring, the academy process for Phase I and Phase II and the recruiting process. Chief stated he is actively recruiting police officers. Chief stated he expects a resignation in January of a full-time officer who is going to work at another agency. He stated he has 1 part-time officer who has less availability because he started another part-time job closer to his house but he is willing to stay on and help out when needed. Chief stated had the resignation of Officer Merrick. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Merrick and forward it to the Town Board. 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: 2 Yes. Absent: Commissioner Stenta.

Vehicles: Chief Schaffrick stated that all vehicles are operational. Chief has not heard on the purchase of the new 2025 Chevy Blazer electric vehicle which is being purchased thru a grant. Chief expects the vehicle in January. Chief has submitted the upfitter list and got the quote and has the Purchase Order. Chief stated all of the funding for the car and the required equipment is being paid thru the technology grant that was received this year. He is waiting for the quote for the computer for the car. 7F362 is the car that is being replaced. Chief stated that his vehicle is getting new tires next week.

Grants: Chief Schaffrick stated he is looking for grants. Chief stated that he was looking to switch guns to the Red Dot system but not going to do it this year but hopefully next year. He stated that the older guns will be able to be traded in as we have done in the past. He stated that the guns are traded in every 10 years and described the weapons. Chief Schaffrick stated that he received the 2 DWI grants again for this year.

Department STATS: Chief Schaffrick stated that there have been 4,293 calls for service to date; there are 312 criminal cases; there have been 162 arrests; there have been 102 property damage accidents and 21 personal injury accidents. Supervisor Walsh asked if the Chief could do a calls for service for medical calls and he stated he would check into it.

Training: Chief Schaffrick stated the department just finished the cycle of training with Town of Ulster PD and City of Kingston that involved domestic violence, juvenile cases, legal updates and firearms. The department is concluding training in the beginning of December with the Sheriff's Office for Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) training. Chief Schaffrick stated training will be going back and forth with training between the Town of Ulster, Kingston PD and the Sheriff's Office. Chief stated that the department has to have a minimum of 21 hours of training per person, per year.

Accreditation: Chief Schaffrick stated that the department is scheduled for a 3 day review on December 16th, 17th and 18th with 3 assessors who will be going through our policies and checking the proofs that our policies are being adhered to. Chief stated that the lead assessor has already reviewed 10 proofs and made notes. Chief stated that they will meet with officers and go thru policy and procedures. Chief stated that Inv. Bell did a full audit of the evidence room. Chief stated that the Accreditation Board meets in March. Chief stated that a Sergeant will be assigned to update proofs every month and that accreditation is renewed every 5 years. Chief stated he did an audit for the latest last year for hiring and reporting policies and the department had a 1 year approval to operate as a police agency and that he had to show proofs since then and the department now has 5 years as a certified police agency.

New Business: Police Commission Survey: Commissioner Hafner made a motion to distribute the Rosendale Police Commission survey by submitting it to the Town Clerk to post on the Town's website and Facebook page, 2nd by Supervisor Walsh. Roll Vote: 2 Yes. Absent: Commissioner Stenta. Supervisor Walsh asked that all of the letters that were received this year regarding the officers be attached to the results of the survey.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to cancel the December 24th meeting; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: 2 Yes. Absent: Commissioner Stenta.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 4:33 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner. Roll Vote: 2 Yes. Absent: Commissioner Stenta.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman
Deputy Town Clerk