



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION Monday, December 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman George Moreira
Commissioner Paul Bowler
Commissioner Tom King
Commissioner Fran Barton

Also Present: Chief Patrick Deely
Attorney Robert Smith
Joseph Von Culin, Recording Clerk

**Excused
Absence:** Commissioner Frank Cipriano

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Chairman Moreira leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of November 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to approve the minutes, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports

Building & Equipment

No report

Budget and Overtime

Commissioner Bowler defers time to the chief's report

Personnel & Labor

Commissioner King defers time to the chief's report.

Rules & Regulations

Commissioner Barton defers time to the chief's report

Old Business

None

New Business

The Police Assistance agreement between Waterbury and Middlebury will allow officers to be sworn in to have jurisdiction in both the Town of Middlebury and City of Waterbury. Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to approve the agreement, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval. Commissioner Barton COMMENTED that the agreement should be sent to the First Selectman for approval.

Chairman's Report

It is to be noted that there was a complaint filed on an officer, however, after a vigorous internal investigation it was determined to be unfounded.

Chief's Report

- North West Communications request ride along for training purposes.
 - Reviewed body camera footage of the different interactions the officers face while on patrol.
- Contract for 3 Rekor cameras was signed and returned due to a generous donation. The estimated install will be 6 weeks, with Naugatuck and Watertown getting their cameras installed in the same timeframe.
 - Waterbury will soon be on board.
- Ring App allows the people of Middlebury to communicate with Police Officers and fellow neighbors.
 - If you see something, say something.
- Dashcams were installed by Axon on November 16th.
 - A demonstration of the dashcams was presented to the commissioners.
 - The visual and audio quality is outstanding.
- We are hoping the residents on Burr Hall Rd. can come to a resolution on the parking issues otherwise “No Parking” signage will be installed and enforced.
- The Humvee was returned to Pennsylvania.
- The day room had new cabinets installed.
- We did not receive the Thomaston Savings Foundation Grant.
- Due to the increase in Juvenile Crime, ex.) A Middlebury citizen was assaulted by car thieves, neighboring Police Departments like Naugatuck, Waterbury, and Watertown are regionalizing technology and manpower to tackle the increased crime rate.
- Congratulations to Commissioners Moreira, Bowler, and King on their reappointment.

Public Comment

No comment

Adjournment

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:30pm, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval

Next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 6:00pm.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully,
Joe Von Culin, Recording Clerk