



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION Monday, April 11, 2022 – 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 6:04pm by Chairman Moreira leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of March 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Barton 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

No Report

Old Business

None

New Business

- Acting Sergeant Kalvaitis to Permanent Sergeant.
 - An MOU through between the Union and Town stated that no testing was required since he was the only applicant and already acting as Sergeant.

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to approve Sergeant Kalvaitis to become the full-time Sergeant, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Chairman Moreira opened the floor for DISCUSSION. Commissioner Barton asked if this would become precedent for other applicants for the position, and Attorney Smith replied no. Unanimous approval.

- Discussion on Officer Marcantonio retirement.
 - An MOU was created with the Town that provided an incentive to retire early by using accumulated sick, vacation, and personal time.
- Discussion of New Hire.
 - The Department is currently talking with an officer to bring them on board in Middlebury. The conversation has slowed recently, however, Chief Deely plans to pick up the conversation again.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Moreira wants to get a date together for the commissioners to meet some of the Police Officers. Commissioner Bowler suggested coming in on a Saturday with coffee and donuts on the June 11, 2022. Commissioner King MOTIONED to approve the date, SECONDED by Commissioner Barton. Unanimous approval.

Chief's Report

- Showed off the new traffic sign that will have the ability to be mounted on smaller roads.
- The Sergeant's position was posted and we received one applicant.
 - No test is required.
- Update on sidearms.
- We received new gym equipment from a generous donation from a Town resident.
 - After the meeting we can go down and show you.
- Juvenile incident occurred in town and a meeting took place with the principal of MMS.
 - They requested more Police presence within the school, so officers are inside and walking around the school hallways.
- Officer Rubino's last day was March 27, 2022.
- Wednesday 4/13/22 Chief Deely will be attending the chief's meeting.
- Many municipalities and the state are partnering to work together to combat the crime increase.

Public Comment

Greg Barnes lives on Spring Rd. Given the similarities of Spring Rd. and Tranquility Rd. Mr. Barnes suggested to install stop signs by the covert on Spring Rd. as that would slow the traffic down and make it a safer place for residents to walk. After discussion of the sizes of both roads and how they are similar and different Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to look up the accident reports of Spring Rd. versus Tranquility Rd., SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval.

Adjournment

Commissioner Barton MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:41pm, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval

Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2022 at 6:00pm.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully,
Joe Von Culin, Recording Clerk