



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

Monday, September 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman George Moreira
Commissioner Fran Barton
Commissioner Paul Bowler

Also Present: Chief Patrick Deely
Lt. Ronald Hunt
Officer Eric Markiewicz
Attorney Robert Smith
Ken Heidkamp
Amy Von Culin
Joseph Von Culin, Recording Clerk

Excused Commissioner Tom King
Absence: Commissioner Frank Cipriano

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Moreira leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of July 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Committee Reports

Building & Equipment

No report

Budget and Overtime

Chief Deely stated the Finance Board questioned the Computer Equipment Maintenance line-item and the remaining funds available. He explained it is a \$14,000 Nexgen yearly maintenance agreement that we pay in July. The Finance Board Meeting went well. Bottom line, the Police Department is doing very well.

Personnel & Labor

Attorney Robert Smith asked to make a motion to ratify the agreements entered August 20, 2021 hiring Sgt. Patrick Deely as Acting Chief and promoting Sgt. Ronald Hunt to Lieutenant, retroactive to the date of signing on August 20, 2021.

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to vote and ratify the agreement, SECONDED by Commissioner Barton. Unanimous approval.

Joseph Von Culin was introduced as the new Administrative Assistant. He is currently working with Amy for training.

Rules & Regulations

Commissioner Barton suggested Chief Deely sit with him if he has any questions or wished to review the policies or procedures.

Chief Deely shared that the state has mandated a crowd control procedure in response to the Police Accountability Bill.

Old Business

Officer Erik Markiewicz demonstrated how the body camera works by explaining the various lights and their meanings as well as how to turn the camera on. After the hands-on demonstration, Officer Markiewicz gave a preview of evidence.com with a video recording of an incident showcasing the improved audio and visual quality of the new body cameras.

New Business

None

Chairman's Report

None

Chief's Report

- A. The FBI requires a locking door to our server room. The door is installed.
- B. All of the officers are trained to use the body cameras and have been issued the equipment.
- C. Attorney Smith is reviewing the new town ordinances addressing vehicles with out of state registration plates that have established residence in town. There will be a presentation at the Board of Selectman meeting. This ordinance will detail what the police department can do to deter operators of illegal motor vehicles. These include: seizing the vehicle, fining the operator, and/or prohibiting the sale of gasoline in Middlebury, CT.
- D. Due to Lt. Ronald Hunt and Chief Deely moving up, that opened up spots for new officers. Bryan Ferrucci became a full-time officer and Sean Simpson was hired as a part-time officer.
- E. Officer Erik Markiewicz received a letter of commendation from Detective Sgt. David Calloway, City of Mount Ranier Police Department citing that Officer Markiewicz displayed excellence and professionalism to the victim and family, and how he demonstrated a great example of law enforcement collaboration.
- F. A representative from South Coast Development advised that Cumberland Farms is anticipating opening on September 29, 2021.

- G. Officer Bryan Ferrucci assisted the CSP in the town of Woodbury on their search and rescue efforts of Sgt. Brian Mohl. On Friday, September 3, 2021 members of the Middlebury Police Department along with Watertown and Naugatuck shut down intersections leading from Interstate 84 east to Woodbury as CSP escorted the body of Sgt. Mohl from the Medical Examiner's Office to a funeral home in Woodbury. On September 8, 2021, members of Middlebury, Naugatuck, Watertown, and Southbury Police Departments staged at Interstate 84 East on the Exit 15 ramp to pay respects as the CSP escorted the body of Sgt. Mohl from Woodbury to the Xfinity Center in Hartford, CT. On Thursday, September 9, 2021, members of the Middlebury, Watertown, and Naugatuck Police Departments shut down intersections leading from Interstate 84 East to Woodbury as the CSP escorted the body of Sgt. Mohl from the funeral mass to the cemetery in Woodbury. The Connecticut State Police and family of Sgt. Mohl were very appreciative of the Middlebury Police Department's efforts.
- H. Ken Heidkamp gave a donation to the Police Department to purchase new firearms for the officers.
- I. Latest numbers for calls for Service are included.

Public Comment

Former Police Commission Chairman Ken Heidkamp commented the guys are doing a great job!

Adjournment

Commissioner Barton MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:23pm, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowler. Unanimous approval

Next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2021 at 6:00pm.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully,
Joe Von Culin, Recording Clerk