



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

Monday, April 20, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Via Video Conference

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

Also Present: Chief Fran Dabbo
Attorney Robert Smith
Amy Von Culin, Recording Clerk

**Excused
Absence:** Frank Cipriano

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Chairman Moreira.

Approval of March 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

Committee Reports

Building & Equipment-None

Budget and Overtime

Commissioner Bowler questioned why we were over so much in the Traffic Signs line item. Chief Dabbo, after a conversation with the Director of Public Works, realized DPW no longer had funds available in their line item to complete the purchase of the sign posts and reflectors and therefore charged it to PD Traffic Signs. Chief Dabbo will be questioning if signage should really be charged under DPW budget.

Personnel & Labor-None

Rules & Regulations

Commissioner Barton reminded the commission Chief Dabbo is continuing to work on policies for the department.

Old Business-None

New Business

Discussion of off duty/secondary employment

Attorney Smith commented this topic is part of the current union contract negotiations.

Chairman's Report-None

Chief's Report

Chief Dabbo reported on current procedures for the department due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- A. Currently, minor calls are being completed by telephone. In the event a complainant insists on seeing an officer in person, this is completed either in the parking lot of the station or outside the home of the complainant. Proper social distancing protocols are followed.
- B. Officers are not entering homes of medical calls unless it is life threatening and officers have been given protocols to follow for said calls concerning safety and use of PPE equipment as well as procedures for disinfecting after such calls.
- C. Officers are not permitted to enter the Convalescent Home, Active Day Care Center and other Senior Housing except for criminal activity. Local facilities are in agreement with the protocol.

Chief Dabbo also reported officers have been joining the Volunteer Fire Department in their weekend “unity parades”.

Public Comment

Attorney Smith informed the Commission of the postponement of binding arbitration due to the inability to set up proper social distancing. Binding arbitration is now tentatively scheduled for the end of May.

Adjournment

Commissioner King MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:21pm, SECONDED by Commissioner Barton. Unanimous approval

Next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2020, 6:00pm.

These minutes are submitted this 27th day of April, 2020 subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Von Culin, Recording Clerk