

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

POLICE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held: December 1, 2022 3:30 pm

Attendance: Councilmember Brennan (Chair), ~~Supervisor Puccioni~~, Chief Jordan Kochan, Lieutenant Joseph Twitty, Town Clerk Michele Martinelli, Town Attorney Finan, ~~Judge Scagnelli~~, ~~Judge Swinton~~, ~~PBA Representative Henry~~, ~~FD1 Chief Lingenfelter~~, Comptroller Greenwood, Seth Goldstein, ~~Janet Wynne~~

Other Attendees: Councilmember Moskowitz

Minutes: Motion to accept November 3, 2022 minutes EG 2ND by JB Motion passed? Y/N

Operations: The Niskayuna Police Department met with members of the Schenectady County Street Crimes Task force and will be working collaboratively with Det. John Connor assigned on part time basis.

Chief Kochan stated he, Lt. Twitty, Det. Sgt. Frenyea, and Det. Connor met with Street Crimes Task Force and are excited to begin collaboration.

NPD continues to engage community proactively (611 calls to date since 02/15/2022).

Chief Kochan stated NPD wants to continue to engage the community further into 2023.

Overnight parking enforcement

Chief Kochan reminded residents to not park on roadways as the snow will soon be arriving.

Fleet/Equip: NPD 604/607 replacement vehicles are at Niskayuna Tire to be up fit. NPD will be keeping the decommissioned patrol vehicles, and putting them into service in the Detective Division (ongoing)

NPD will be utilizing AT&T for GPS—better platform for vehicle maintenance and reports.

Motorola delivered new dash cameras/BWC system—IT working to get technology ready for deployment.

Chief Kochan and Systems Administrator Seth Goldstein stated they are hopeful for end of February into March timeframe for onboarding new system.

NPD has ordered new Cannon copiers—expected deliver this month.

Chief Kochan and Systems Administrator Seth Goldstein stated one of used NPD copiers will be transitioned to town hall to save on a new purchase for replacing existing equipment.

NPD will form an equipment/uniform committee for 2023 for personnel input.

Building: Sally Port drain is currently plugged. Charlie Bergami is working on issue. (ongoing)

Training: Recruit Spataro continues to progress through the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Academy.

NPD will be conducting our department wide annual Defensive Tactics training this month.

Chief Kochan stated this training will be done annually moving forward, as it has not been done in some time.

NPD will be sending Officer Munger and Sergeant Henry to Taser instructor training in Troy NY December 2nd.

Chief Kochan stated additional trainings this month include Officer Chase attending FTO training December 20th-23rd, and Officer Munger attending SFST (Standard Field Sobriety Training) train the trainer from December 9th-14th.

Citizen Correspondence:

Ongoing:

Mike Casella—requested the Town consider making area between bike path and river at Lions Park a no parking zone. This is an identified area of concern due to potentially blocking this area for water rescue apparatus. (ongoing)

Chief Kochan stated in speaking with Town Attorney Finan and Town Planner Laura Robertson, the town has the ability to put up no parking signs here. Chief Kochan stated he will be contacting Superintendent Ray Smith to move forward with no parking sign.

Lance Hunt—Requests a stop sign on Cayuga Road at Algonquin Road. He stated it is an uncontrolled intersection. (ongoing)—public hearing for December Town Board meeting requested to consider a yield sign.

New:

Trisha Cornwell—Morgan Ave—concerns over speed and volume. Traffic counters to be deployed for analysis. (go over findings)

Chief Kochan went over traffic survey findings. At this time, the roadway appears to be operating appropriately. Officer Munger to continue to engage residents' concerns moving forward.

Town Events:

Santa is coming to Town—Holiday Parade—NFD #1 and NPD to host—(read release)

Town Clerk:

Dangerous dog contract (ongoing).

Discussion was had by committee members about creating a letter to send out to all local Animal Shelters regarding potential dangerous dog contract with Town of Niskayuna..

Court Issues: N/A

Fire Departments: N/A

School District: Ongoing discussions with District Safety Team regarding installation of Knox Boxes for key access and also camera access (ongoing).

Personnel: NPD would like to appoint a lateral candidate for the December meeting.

Chief Kochan spoke about Derek Breslin as a candidate who NPD wants to appoint.

Officers Hemerding and Powell have successfully completed their probation periods.

Chief Kochan stated both Officers have been excellent, and wishes them to be appointed permanently.

NPD will begin process to fill a Lieutenant position for 2023.

Other: N/A

Town Attorney Finan stated she believes the review of the proposed CBA with the Niskayuna Police Benevolent Associated will be completed in time for December meeting resolution.

Resolutions:

Appointment of Police Officer

Permanent Appointment of Police Officers

CBA resolution

Executive session: Motion by 2nd by : Motion Passed Y/N

Adjourn: Motion by EG 2nd by JB : Motion Passed? Y/N

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2023 at 3:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 3:48 PM

