

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA
POLICE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Held Hybrid: January 6, 2022

3:30 pm

Attendance: Councilwoman Brennan (Chair), ~~Supervisor Puccio~~, Councilman Moskowitz, Chief Jordan Kochan, Deputy Chief Michael Stevens, Lieutenant Joseph Twitty, ~~Town Clerk Michele Martinelli, Town Attorney Briggs~~, Deputy Town Attorney Finan, ~~Judge Seagnelli~~, Judge Swinton, ~~PBA Representative Henry~~, ~~FDI Chief Lingenfelter~~, ~~Comptroller Alam~~, Janet Wynn, Seth Goldstein, Kristine O'Brien

Other Attendees: Detective Khafaga, Officer Munger, Molly Anthony

Minutes: Motion to accept November 30, 2021 minutes AF 2ND by MS Motion passed? Y/N

Operations: Presentation by Det. Khafaga on body cameras.—Ongoing discussion regarding grants and funding.

The Police Reform Implementation Task Force meeting was held on 12/15/2021. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 10am. Change to January 6th 5:30 pm.

Fleet/Equip: 601 and 602 replacement vehicles are still in the process of being outfitted to be put into service. (ongoing)
Back log still.

Vehicle repair maintenance bid for 2022 is currently being reviewed by the Town Attorney-end Jan
Contract expires end of February.

Building: Charlie Bergami working on installation key fob software for administration computers. (ongoing)

Training: Officer Henry to become a Defensive Tactics instructor January 10th -21st.

Due to court hearing, NPD was not able to send PO Wyman to ARIDE training for advanced impairment training December 22nd and 23rd—looking at other dates to attend.

NPD completing its annual Police One Academy training in procedural justice and implicit bias.(ongoing)

Chief Kochan and Lieutenant Twitty will be attending training for new Police Administrators February 14th -18th hosted by the NY Chiefs Association.

Citizen Issues:

Ongoing:

Michael McLean—requesting making S. Country Club Drive at Mayfair Drive a 2 way stop due to line of sight. Superintendent Ray Smith was going to take a look at whether or not the stop sign could be moved closer to intersection. (ongoing) ongoing

Ben Mastrianni—Wyoming Ave—concerns about speed/volume/yield sign—wanted to ask about a potential crosswalk—no identified concerns from data.

Story Ave—currently scheduling a public hearing to speak about limiting commercial vehicles to this roadway—currently scheduled for January 25th. Speed sign has been completed by the Highway

Department (ongoing). 2 ton weight sign

Mary Ann Kapunan—requested a stop/yield sign at intersection of Middle St. and East St, which is an uncontrolled intersection. Currently scheduling a public hearing regarding stop sign—scheduled for January 25th for a stop sign.

Molly Anthony—Birchwood Lane is concern regarding speeding vehicles and going through stop sign Birchwood Lane at Birchwood Elementary school. Zone car notified to monitor and traffic study completed—go over findings (ongoing). Chief Kochan stated there is heavy traffic pick up and drop off, everyone needs to be patient. A few vehicles not fully stopping, some vehicles going around other stopped cars, average 28 mph, minimal crash data, monitor stop signs during school pick up and drop off. Chief Kochan is going to send email to Highway Superintendent Ray Smith to get Birchwood crosswalk repainted, and the NPD will continue to monitor with traffic and obtain further data as necessary.

Mrs. Anthony-Traffic coming downhill from Dennison problematic, going through stop sign during off school hours, thanks and appreciation to PD for all they do. Munger will reach out to Colonie PD for help with traffic for their jurisdiction.

Vanessa Wheeler—Fillmore Ave concerned about speed. Traffic study to be conducted (ongoing). Traffic counter not up and running, when working, will be placed on Fillmore Ave.

New:

Michael Maynard—states stop sign on Banker Ave at Ravine Road is not being stopped at. Email sent out for directed patrols at this location.

Town Events: Holiday Parade with NFD #1—success and thanks to all who participated.

Town Clerk: APF Contract updates--working with town attorney office regarding dangerous dogs and updated contract.

Clerk's Office will be sending out Delinquent Dog License letters in the first two weeks of Jan reminder that all Niskayuna residents must license their dogs annually.

Court Issues: N/A—

Judge Swinton stated that the new full time clerk started Jan 3, anticipates another staffing opening due to retirement of a clerk, COVID jury trial plan submitted, requires use of town board room for jury selection, eviction and civil matters on separate court nights.

Fire Departments: N/A

School District: N/A

Chief Kochan stated he spoke with Superintendent Dr. Pennyman regarding construction at NHS in April and parking concerns, asking if the town will allow students to park in town hall parking lot. Councilwoman Brennan and Chief Kochan to work with Town Supervisor on potential solutions to assist.

Personnel: Town Board passed resolution to promote Jeffrey Relation to Sergeant.

NPD is currently processing potential recruit candidates from the most up to date police test.

NPD hopes to have recruit candidate for the January Zone 5 Academy class with the support of a Town Board resolution.

Other: Closest Car State Police MOA (ongoing)

Take Me Home Project (reminder) data base for those who might be vulnerable.

Chief Kochan invited anyone who has a vulnerable community member to read on Town Website about program for application.

Evacuation/Welfare Check of Functional Needs Persons 911 Registry (new) --a registry for special needs or elderly to fill out a form for that person to be checked on during an emergency. Chief Kochan stated it is something he and Councilwoman Brennan will be working on.

Community Surveys (new)—Chief Kochan stated he is looking towards community survey ideas to create a serving model towards needs of community as defined by survey.

Zone 5 Academy payment, Lexipol payment, and ~~Police One payment~~ are going to finance committee.

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

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

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2022 at 3:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 4:28 pm