

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

POLICE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held: November 3, 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: N/A

Minutes: Motion to accept October 6, 2022 minutes EG 2ND by JB Motion passed? **Y/N**

Operations: The Police Reform Implementation Task Force has finalized the report and submitted it to the Town Board.

Chief Kochan reiterated thanks to the entire PRITF team for everyone's collaborative effort on this.

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.

NPD applied for and was awarded a Niskayuna Community Foundation grant for \$1230 for the purchase of trailers to mount radar signs.

Chief Kochan said thank you to Officer Munger who sought out this grant and applied for it.

NPD is currently researching new GPS systems/fleet maintenance software.

Chief Kochan stated NPD is looking into AT&T—better platform for vehicle maintenance and reports.

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

Chief Kochan stated thank you to the Highway Dept and Ray Smith for taking down the walls in NPD parking lot. NPD will begin looking into options for the Spring to replace this.

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

NPD will be conducting our department wide annual Fall Range November 2nd -10th.

NPD is currently completing training on Officer Safety and Officer Safety and Procedure in Domestic Violence Response through the Police One Academy platform.

Chief Kochan stated NPD needs to send instructors to Taser instructor training. Due to locations available, it is possible that this would be farther away due to availability.

Citizen Correspondence:

Ongoing:

Scott and Tammy Kishbaug—concerned over NPD not enforcing weight restrictions on Van Antwerp Road between Balltown Road and Union Street. Also have concerns over increased volume, speed, congestion. Requesting speed bumps, electronic speed signs, and one way traffic signs. (ongoing)

Chief Kochan stated a request to take down signage may be needed until a long term evaluation of Town of Niskayuna code can be done regarding weight restrictions.

Town Attorney Finan stated due to this roadway being a county road, and between state/county roads, it will need more discussion with the county/state should the town decide to make changes.

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)

Lance Hunt—Requests a stop sign on Cayuga Road at Algonquin Road. He stated it is an uncontrolled intersection. (ongoing)

Chief Kochan stated the recommendation for this intersection is a yield sign based on community input and analysis, and would request a public hearing for the December Town of Niskayuna board meeting.

New: N/A

Chief Kochan stated an email was received from Trisha Cornwell—Morgan Ave—concerns over speed and volume. Traffic counters to be deployed for analysis.

Town Events:

Mohawk Hudson Marathon was held October 9th. Thank you to all the agencies that supported this event to make it a success.

Chief Kochan said thank you to NFD #1, Auxillary Police, SCSO, all the local K-9 units, etc. for all their support in this event.

Drug Take Back Day—October 29th—Thank you to Lt. Twitty for his coordination.

Chief Kochan stated there was 208lbs taken in at the event, with another 247 from our drug take back box.

Chief Kochan thanked Lt. Twitty, BASE students, and NCAP for their help with this.

Halloween “haunted” open house—October 30th—Thank you to Lt. Twitty, DSgt. Frenyea, and PO Robinson for assisting with event.

Town Clerk: N/A

Town Clerk Michele Martinelli and Chief Kochan stated there is work being done for online dog licensing and online payment of alarm fees. Chief Kochan stated we need to continue to look into a location for a dangerous dog contract.

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.

NPD met with Lonnie Halusic on November 1st regarding collaboration on co-teaching health class topics.

Chief Kochan stated he met with Ms. Halusic, and is working towards this potential opportunity of engagement/education with NHS students.

Personnel: NPD will continue to be recruiting for potential lateral transfers, and accessing the current civil service list for a potential hire in the January Academy class.

Chief Kochan stated NPD is currently reviewing a potential lateral candidate, and may need a special meeting for December to move forward.

NPD wants to have James Walsh appointed as another Dog Control Officer for the Town of Niskayuna.

Other:

Laura Robertson and Complete Streets—Wyoming Ave and Baker Ave mini roundabout demonstration and Lexington Parkway bike path demonstration. These will be moved to the spring to be further developed.

Resolutions:

Niskayuna Community Foundation award \$1230

Street Crimes Task Force MOA (tentative)

Town Attorney Finan stated she has finalized this paperwork to move forward with this MOA.

James Walsh appointed to Dog Control Officer.

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

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

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2022 at 3:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 03:49 PM

