

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

POLICE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held: January 5, 2023 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 Relation, FD1 Chief Lingenfelter~~, Comptroller Greenwood, Seth Goldstein, ~~Janet Wynne~~

Other Attendees: Confidential Secretary Jean Foti

Minutes: Motion to accept December 1, 2022 minutes EG 2ND by AF Motion passed? Y/N

Operations: Det. John Connor has begun working with the Schenectady Street Crimes Task Force.

Overnight parking enforcement.

Chief Kochan stated overnight parking is being enforced and encouraged residents to park in accordance with the town code.

Mental Health calls for service/ Ellis Hospital psychological diversion.

Chief Kochan stated this is becoming problematic operationally due to local hospitals being continuously on diversion. Chief Kochan stated Officers and EMS are transporting community members in need of these resources to Albany and Troy due to Ellis Hospital being on diversion, which takes NPD Officers out of service in our jurisdiction. Chief Kochan stated he has been speaking with other Schenectady County Chiefs about how jointly they can work to look for solutions in partnership with Ellis Hospital.

Fleet/Equip: NPD 607 replacement vehicle is in service. NPD 604 replacement vehicle is 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 2023 vehicle purchases will be going out for mini bid.

NPD equipment/uniform committee will begin researching new equipment that was budgeted for 2023—AED(s) need to be discussed to make sure we are consistent in town hall.

Chief Kochan stated NPD would be working in conjunction with Charlie Bergami and our fire districts for the purchase of AED(s). Comptroller Greenwood stated we need to include the Water Department as well in the conversation.

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, and begins FTO January 6th.

Officer Breslin will complete his FTO/In service training as of January 11th.

NPD will be conducting our department wide annual Taser/OC/Baton training this month.

Chief Kochan stated this training will be annually, and that NPD has a rigorous training schedule planned for 2023.

NPD will be conducting department wide training for Emotional and Mental disorders, including Autism and Alzheimer's training for LE, through the Police One Academy.

Citizen Correspondence:

Ongoing:

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

New: N/A

Town Events:

Coffee with Cop at the Senior Center the 3rd Tuesday monthly.

Chief Kochan invited all residents interested to attend.

Town Clerk:

Dangerous dog contract (ongoing)-- Montgomery Co SPCA shelter

Chief Kochan stated he is still waiting to hear back from Montgomery Co SPCA to discuss options.

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).

Chief Kochan stated he was updated by Systems Administrator Seth Goldstein that NPD should have access to the NCSO cameras within a couple days.

Personnel: Executive Secretary K. O'Brien successfully passed the civil service exam.

Civil Service Police Officer Exam will be certified

Chief Kochan stated this new list will not be certified until end of January 2023.

NPD to recommend the appointment of a Lieutenant.

Chief Kochan stated that NPD and Comptroller's Office have been working with NYS and Schenectady County Civil Service to potentially make this promotion.

NPD to begin process of interviewing to appoint a Sergeant.

Chief Kochan stated the Sergeant promotion will backfill the potential promotion of a Lieutenant.

Other: N/A

Resolutions:

Appointment of Lieutenant

Appointment of Sergeant

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

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

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023 at 3:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 03:41 PM

