

# TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

## POLICE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Held: July 6, 2023 3:30 pm

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

**Other Attendees:** N/A

**Minutes:** Motion to accept June 1, 2023 minutes 2<sup>ND</sup> by Motion passed? Y/N—N/A

#### **Operations:**

Meeting held with loss prevention of Mohawk Commons stores to work more collaboratively.

NPD working with stores to possibly conduct waves of enforcement and fund LPRs.

NPD continues to prioritize traffic engagement through both regular patrol and grant funded initiatives.

#### **Fleet/Equip:**

NPD 603 engine failure—covered by warranty at Metro Ford

Chief Kochan stated NPD 603 to be left in service longer due to engine being replaced.

NPD 607—replacement vehicle for fleet being evaluated

Chief Kochan stated insurance money used to purchase used Administrative vehicle.

3 new 2023 Explorers arrived, and are in process to be up fitted. Need resolution to up fit (2) through Niskayuna Tire.

NPD to auction unclaimed property.

Chief Kochan stated this property is not town owned, and has been left unclaimed by owners, including potential for a bicycle auction.

#### **Building:**

NPD locker room urinal is broken (ongoing)

Fencing/Wall around rear of NPD (ongoing)

Chief Kochan stated DHS recommended fencing around rear of NPD as recommendation.

Chief Kochan stated Court Clerk Wetzel stated parking lights out. Charlie Bergami was notified

and working on issue.

**Training:**

NPD is completing its annual Police One Academy training in procedural justice and implicit bias.

Officers Comanzo and Chase will be attending Rifle School at NPD range.

Chief Kochan stated Lt. Frenyea and Officer Favata are conducting this training.

Recruit O'Brien attending Zone 5 Academy.

**Citizen Correspondence:**

Ongoing:

Marita Aguilar—requesting stop sign N. Allandale at Becker Street—also no dumping signage (ongoing)—recommended stop sign

Chief Kochan thanked Superintendent Ray Smith and Highway Dept for putting up no dumping sign. Chief Kochan read over data from Becker Street analysis—recommends putting stop sign due to being uncontrolled intersection.

Norman Dutcher—requesting radar sign on Grand Blvd to monitor speeding concerns—speed trailer to be deployed when completed (ongoing)

New:

Elizabeth Reynolds—requesting Fairfax Ave be evaluated for unsafe speed—Officer Munger to deploy speed trailer for evaluation.

David Cross—requested extra patrol attention to Niskayuna Road over concerns of tractor trailers using this as cut through.

Chief Kochan stated NPD to monitor area.

Frank Ciampa—requested stop sign Wyoming Ave at Baker Ave due to vehicles coming off of Wyoming Ave not yielding to pedestrian traffic.

Chief Kochan stated met with resident, and spoke about pedestrian safety on Baker Ave due to visibility concerns and high volume of pedestrians. Chief Kochan stated Complete Streets has recommended transition to stop sign from yield sign, and neighborhood supports this change. Judge Swinton stated having a stop sign is easier to enforce vs. current yield sign. Chief Kochan stated if stop sign approved public information wave and enforcement to change driver behavior would be required.

**Town Events:**

Coffee with Cop:

Senior Center: Chief Kochan will be hosting this the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly.

Target Starbucks: Next event August 17<sup>th</sup> 1pm.

Farmers Market—starts 07/08/2023

**Town Clerk:**

Fox Pest Control

Town Clerk Michele Martinelli stated she has been fielding complaints about Fox Pest Control soliciting. Clerk Martinelli stated Fox Pest Control does have permits to solicit, however she has been in contact with Fox Pest Control supervisors to advise them of complaints.

Chief Kochan stated he spoke with resident Neil Shapiro from Godfrey Lane, who inquired about the town eliminating solicitation permits. Committee discussed looking into legality of this in conjunction with Town Attorney Finan. Clerk Martinelli spoke about Village of Scotia program for no soliciting signs for residents, as a possible option.

Chief Kochan stated APF notified Clerk Martinelli that there is going to be limited number of dog kennels available through APF due to construction at facility through October. Chief Kochan stated there is a need to look into other options for housing dogs.

**Court Issues:**

Judge Swinton stated appointment of Court Clerk to be up for resolution.

**Fire Departments:** N/A

**School District:**

Ongoing discussions with District Safety Team regarding installation of Knox Boxes for key access (ongoing).

Bus Patrol—working on MOA with NCSD to install equipment (ongoing)

**Personnel:**

Officer Daoust has successfully completed her FTO training.

NPD continues to evaluate resumes for potential lateral Police Officer transfers.

Police Officer test scheduled for 09/09/2023 with a last date for filing 07/31/2023.

**Other:** N/A

Committee had further discussions on keeping NPD 607 as salvage due to expense of parts for vehicles.

**Resolutions:**

Up fit (2) Police Explorers

Purchase of a vehicle (tentative)

Call for Public Hearing (tentative)

## Court Clerk Appointment

Executive session: Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> by : Motion Passed Y/N

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

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

Meeting adjourned 03:56 PM

