

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

POLICE and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Held: November 2, 2023 3:30 pm

Attendance: Councilmember Brennan (Chair), Supervisor Puccioni, Chief Jordan Kochan, ~~Deputy Chief 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 October 5, 2023 minutes JB 2ND AF by Motion passed? Y/N

Operations:

Towing bid for 2024 (ongoing)

Overnight parking enforcement—3am-6am Nov 1st-April 1st

Fleet/Equip:

NPD 606 completed, and 605 currently being up fitted (ongoing).

NPD 611 has been ordered- Up fitting to be completed upon receipt of vehicle.

Purchase of helmets for Officers

Purchase of Black Cat II Radar Recorder

Chief Kochan thanked Det. Munger for researching this new updated technology.

Building:

Fencing/Wall around rear of NPD (ongoing)

Chief Kochan thanked the Highway Dept and Superintendent Ray Smith for the great work on the sidewalks outside the Police Dept.

Building Safety (ongoing)

Committee discussed de-escalation training for employees, and need for continued discussion on safety for Town Hall building. Comptroller Greenwood discussed that she reached out to our insurance carrier to see if they offer such training.

Training:

NPD is completing a training unit on Anti-Bias training for Law Enforcement through Police One Academy (ongoing).

Recruit O'Brien continues training at Zone 5 Academy (ongoing).

Officer Tommasone has successfully completed his in service FTO training, and is assigned to the B-line shift.

Detective Munger completed SCSO Drone training (10/28-10/29) for county wide drone team resource.

Chief Kochan stated county drone team will be resource for NPD when needed.

Sergeant Pardi and Officer Breslin are attending Crisis Intervention Training on 11/13-11/17—part of grant application with Schenectady PD (lead agency), SCSO, and NPD.

Chief Kochan stated more officers will be trained in future for CIT.

Officer Wyman will be attending Firearms Instructor School 11/6-11/17 hosted by Zone 5, with Officer Favata instructing.

Sergeants Pardi and Henry will be attending SFST Instructor School 11/21, and 11/27-11/29.

Citizen Correspondence:

Ongoing:

N/A

New: N/A

Town Events:

Coffee with Cop:

Senior Center: Chief Kochan will be hosting this the 3rd Tuesday monthly

Target Coffee with a Cop ~~11/16 at 10am~~ 11/17 12-2 pm.

Veterans Memorial Service November 9th at 11 am at Town Hall.

Holiday Parade with NFD #1

Councilmember Brennan stated the tentative date for holiday parade is December 9th.

Town Clerk: N/A

Court Issues: ~~N/A~~ Appointment of a Court Clerk

Fire Departments: N/A

School District:

Bus Patrol—working on implementation with NCSO to install equipment (ongoing)

Personnel:

NPD continues to evaluate resumes for potential lateral Police Officer transfers and canvass current Civil Service list for potential new hires (ongoing).

Chief Kochan stated new list to be certified soon by Civil Service.

NPD is currently processing/background on part time DCO position.

Permanent appointment of DC Twitty

Chief Kochan stated DC Twitty is doing a great job in his new position, and recommends his permanent appointment.

Other:

NPD Community survey to be pushed out for community feedback (ongoing).

Chief Kochan stated town email to be sent regarding survey.

Amend Town of Niskayuna Code regarding no parking on Plum Street where new sidewalks are being built near Hillside Elementary School. (ongoing)

Resolutions:

Resolution to call for Public hearing for Town of Niskayuna Code amendment (tentative)

Resolution to amend Resolution 2023-180—vendor name changed

Resolution to permanently appoint a Deputy Chief

Resolution to appoint a DCO (tentative)

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

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

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2023 at 3:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 3:49 PM

