

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
March 13, 2023

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Tessman, Commissioners Rob Derry, Dom Morelli and Lynn Hidek
Also present: Chief DeMaio, Captain Jakober, Captain DePietro, Dennis Donovan, Niles Wilson, Yvonne Roman and Andrea Reu
Absent: Paul Melanson

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairman Tessman. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Chief DeMaio requested to amend the agenda to add two items to the traffic authority that he received today. A motion was made by Commissioner Derry to add State projects 0172-0508 and 0172-0525 to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hidek. The motion was unanimously approved.

Comments from the Public:
None

A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Derry to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:
Chief DeMaio discussed all the positive correspondence

Traffic Authority:

- Pedal for Pies- Annual ride that will occur on May 13th. Chief DeMaio recommended the approval of the ride. Commissioner Derry made a motion to approve the ride, seconded by Commissioner Morelli. The motion was unanimously approved.
- State Project 0172-0508- Project began in 2021 to replace signs on roads that have narrow or blind curves. Chief DeMaio has provided a list of roads in town. Yellow reflective signs and posts will be installed.
- State Project 0172-0525- Traffic control signal and pedestrian controls at RT 81 and Glenwood Road. Project to be completed by May 2025
- Commissioner Derry discussed the light on RT 81 at the Library, stated he received an email today indicating that it would eventually be switched to a flashing yellow light.

Chief's Report:

- The budgets were discussed and Chief DeMaio answered any questions the Commissioners had.
- Chief DeMaio discussed the State of the Department report and answered any questions the Commissioners had.
- Community Support dog, K9 Jagger having a positive impact within the school system.
- Center for Policing and Equity team here tonight to speak during Executive session.
- K9 Sonny to be replaced. A grant to fund a new dog has been received and the Master Trainer has located a suitable dog. Chief DeMaio will seek approval for grant acceptance from the Town Manager and the Town Council.

- Town Budget- Public hearing April 5th at 6 pm.
- New Regional Program manager for CALEA has been named
- Radio Project-CT Water reached out and is in contact with the consultant.
- Crown Castle-Demand for payment received which was provide to the Town Manager
- FBI Regional Command College training to be hosted at Mohegan Sun
- Chief DeMaio testified to the legislatures Public Safety Committee in Hartford regarding public safety retention and recruitment. Incentives were discussed to both retain and recruit new officers.
- Written exam for entry level officers is scheduled for Wednesday March 15th. Chief DeMaio answered any questions the Commissioners had regarding the Police Academy and how many would be selected for employment.

Captain Jakober's Report:

- CALEA policies continue

Captain DePietro's Report:

- Captain DePietro provided the Commissioners with the monthly stats report and the Investigative section report.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- \$10,000 grant from Hometown Foundation to replace K9 Sonny- Commissioner Derry made a motion to approve acceptance, pending approval of the Town Manager and the Town Council the grant proposed by the Chief, seconded by Commissioner Hidek. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive session:

- A motion was made at 6:29 PM by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Derry to go into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved. Invited into executive session was Chief DeMaio, Captain DePietro, Niles Wilson, Yvonne Roman and myself.
A motion was made at 7:03 PM to come out of executive session by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Derry. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Derry to have Chief DeMaio work with the Center for Policing and Equity to roll out the Justine Navigator Report to the community at a public meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hidek. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Derry, seconded by Commissioner Morelli. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Shove
Executive Assistant
Police Chief