

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
October 18, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Tessman, Commissioners Lynn Hidek, Rob Derry, Paul Melanson and Dom Morelli

Also present: Chief DeMaio, Captain DePietro, Captain Jakober and Clinton Police Department officers

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Ed Tessman. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ed Tessman stated that meetings will to be run by following Robert's Rules of Order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Derry to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commission Awareness:

Comments from the Public:

- Joy Dondero and Mary Drechler expressed traffic safety concerns at the Shore Road, Grove Way and Causeway intersections. They referred to a large photograph of the area that they had presented at a prior meeting. Chairman Tessman advised that their concern would be discussed under old business.

Correspondence:

- Thank you from Jim Fitzgerald
- Thank you from Brian and Barbara Beaudin
- Thank you from Michelle Puzzo
- Thank you from Jerry Dunn to Maco Sheehan for his help
- Thank you to Chief DeMaio from Michelle Puzzo
- Thank you from the Silver family
- Thank you from Karen Clinton

Traffic Authority:

Clinton Volunteer Fire Department Boot Drive November 26, 2021 9:00am -3:00 pm-

Chief DeMaio explained where the drive will be located and that the department members are trained in traffic safety, ANSI compliant and that it is well run.

A motion was made by Commissioner Derry, seconded by Commissioner Hidek to approve the event. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Kelseytown Bridge project completed, a three way stop sign was installed by DPW
- Golf cart usage update- It will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on Wednesday night, to see if they want to make it a town ordinance or keep it under the Traffic Authority. Chairman Tessman requested everyone be prepared to know what regulations other towns have done to allow usage.
- RT 145 update- roadway has been milled, paved and striped, Project completed
- Indian River Landing Update-Chief DeMaio stated that a preliminary opening is schedule for Big Y at this time and that the only entrance will be at the Exit 63 S/B ramp. There will be a phased opening for additional businesses s they are constructed.

Approve the minutes of the September, 13, 2021 regular meeting:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Melanson to approve the regular September 13, 2021 meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report:

Chairman Tessman advised the Commissioners to read through the packet that Chief DeMaio puts together for them as there is a lot of information in it and it is a lot of work.

Chief DeMaio welcomed Joanne Shove to the department as his new Executive Assistant, who will additionally work on the departments CALEA Accreditation.

Commissioner Morelli asked Chief DeMaio what was the boat damage was and Chief DeMaio advised that it was the radar dome and that it was replaced at half price.

Reviewed the State of the Department with some topics discussed (see State of the Department attached)

Radio Project:

- Chief spoke with Paul Zito regarding the initial report for purchasing. Zito will provide a complete report for the November Commission meeting.
- Chairman Tessman asked Chief DeMaio if he had any concerns for Black Friday shopping at Clinton Crossings and Chief DeMaio stated he had spoken with a representative as a drive through Covid-19 vaccine clinic was scheduled to be in the parking lot during that time. The clinic is being moved to a better location for traffic flow

Financial Report:

- Budget is inline
- With the retirement of dispatcher Tharin there is an increase in overtime in the Communications budget.
- Dispatcher Brockett was hired fulltime
- A new dispatcher will start on November 8, 2021 and that will incur additional training overtime
- Chief DeMaio stated that he made a line item transfer of \$500.00 from the Longevity account to the marine account

Captain Jakober's Report:

Cameras:

- Issues with two cameras in the cell block and the rear hallway that are being corrected. The cost was \$1500.00 Three additional cameras are at end of life and will need to be replaced and they will also be adding two additional cameras to Evidence and the Administrative side hallway. Captain Jakober stated he is still waiting for a cost
There was an issue with Nexgen and the gps location working properly in all of the patrol cars, it has been fixed.

Captain DePietro's Report:

Marine:

- Marine patrol season has ended so it will only be used to respond to calls

Detective Bureau reports:

- Captain DePietro provided the commissioners with a copy of a Monthly Call type report which is broken down by day of the week.
- K9 Frey and Sonny had two successful K9 deployments for barricaded subjects
- Vehicle thefts continue and discussion occurred

Old Business:

Shore Road, Cause Way and Grove Way discussion, Chief to send letter to Association regarding the area of concern

New Business:

New program: Community service dog, Officer Reccia provided handouts to the Commissioners and as there were questions it was decided that Officer Reccia would present additional information at the next meeting and that commissioners provide their questions prior to the November meeting so she would have answers for them

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek to move into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m., for the purposes of discussing personnel and contracts inviting Chief DeMaio, seconded by Commissioner Derry. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tessman thanked Chief DeMaio for his time and Chief DeMaio departed Executive Session at 7:17 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Derry to come out of Executive Session at 8:04 pm, seconded by Commissioner Hidek. The motion was carried unanimously.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Derry to approve the draft of the Division Commander contract, seconded by Commissioner Hidek. Commissioner bHidek, Derry, Melanson and Tessman voted in favor. Commissioner Morelli opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm, seconded by Commissioner Melanson. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Shove
Administrative Assistant