

POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

February 6, 2015

8:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: George E. Kennedy– Police Commission Chairman
Robert Peter Guip – Police Commissioner
Gene Ward – Police Commissioner
James Donohue – Assistant Chief of Police
Joseph Petruch – Chief of Police

Commissioner Kennedy asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and to remain standing afterwards for the invocation by Chaplain Randy Scott.

ITEM I Motion was made to accept the minutes of the Police Commission Meeting dated January 9, 2015 as presented.

Commissioner Kennedy stated all in favor signify by saying, “Aye.”
All replied, “Aye.”
Commissioner Kennedy stated, “Opposed, same sign.”
Commissioner Kennedy stated, “Motion carries.”

Election of Police Commission Chairman

Commissioner Kennedy asked for nominations.

Commissioner Ward nominated Commissioner Robert Guip.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if Commissioner Guip would accept the nomination, which Commissioner Guip accepted.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing no other nominations Commissioner Kennedy closed the nominations.

Commissioner Kennedy stated all in favor of Pete Guip becoming the Police Commission Chairman signify by saying, “Aye.”
All replied, “Aye.”
Commissioner Kennedy stated Peter Guip is now the Police Commission Chairman.

ITEM II

STATISTICS REPORT

The Chief of Police presented the 2014 Annual Report. Chief said that 3 homicides were reported. Residential and business burglaries dropped for the town, since concentrated effort was devoted toward apprehending suspects. Chief Petruch stated that batteries against police officers also had dropped, which he credited to the use of the taser in restraining suspects. Chief Petruch noted that the program has proven itself, and has contributed to lower worker compensation claims. Violent crimes, and Calls for Service were up. Citations were down due to the manpower shortage. Chief noted that although the staff number has recovered, it is still below what other cities have for the number of Calls for Service that the Department receives.

For the December 2014 Chief stated that burglaries for residential and business are down, due to more patrolling and apprehension of suspects. Town residents are calling notifying when they observe suspicious activity.

ITEM III

LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Petruch presented a Level II Letter of Commendation from Commander Kijurna for Officer Josh Miskus and Officer Chris Jones. An alert neighbor who observed suspicious activity called the police department. Because of officers' quick response, the juvenile suspects were apprehension in attempting to burglarize a residence.

The Chief of Police presented a Level II Letter of Commendation from Commander Kijurna for Sgt. Gurgevich and Sgt. Cuttino for excellent police work. A neighbor called the police department when she witnessed a suspect enter a neighbor's residence through a bedroom window. Officers quickly arrived on scene, escorted the elderly homeowner safely from the residence, and apprehended the suspect in the victim's bedroom.

ITEM IV

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

ITEM V

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Petruch read Resolution 907 approving the employment of part-time Secretary Lisa A. Gibbons effective from and after 12:01 AM, January 12, 2015. This position will be for the duration of a one-year probationary period from this date and that the rate of pay will be set by the Chief of Police.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to accept Resolution 907 and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Guip asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Guip requested that Chief Petruch take a roll call vote.

Chief Petruch took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guip, "Aye"

Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

Commissioner Kennedy, "Aye"

Commissioner Guip stated, "Three Ayes, motion carries."

General Order 23.10 – Sick Days

Chief stated the because the officers now work 12 hour shifts, this order would be changed from 30 days to 360 hours. The order would now read, "Members may accumulate sick leave from year to year up to a maximum of 360 hours."

Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept General Order 23.10 and was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Guip asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Guip requested that Chief Petruch take a roll call vote.

Chief Petruch took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

Commissioner Kennedy, "Aye"

Commissioner Guip, "Aye"

Commissioner Guip stated, "Three Ayes, motion carries."

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.