

## **Old Saybrook Police Commission**

Regular Meeting

April 22, 2019

### **MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at the Old Saybrook Town Hall.

**Present:** Chairman Von Dassel, Secretary Shippee, Commissioners Moran, Reid and Keeney. Chief Spera and Lieutenant DePerry were present from the Department of Police Services.

#### **I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Von Dassel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **II. Minutes**

##### **a. March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Keeney made a motion to accept the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion. The motion to accept the March 25, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

#### **III. Executive Reports**

##### **a. Financial**

##### **1. FY 19 Budget Status**

Chief Spera went over the expenses and supplies spreadsheet with the Commissioners stating that the Department will be fine overall in expenses and supplies.

He reviewed the personnel spreadsheet and the off budget accounts stating that the license plate readers came out of two different accounts as previously discussed.

##### **2. FY 20 Budget Process**

Chief Spera stated that on May 6 there will be a Town Meeting concerning the budget. He stated that he will send out a reminder email a couple days prior to the meeting.

##### **b. Administrative**

##### **1. Personnel Report**

Chief Spera stated that his staff is extremely busy and they are doing a lot of work, great work. Solve rate is pretty incredible. He stated that he is signing arrest warrant after arrest warrant. He stated that two people are graduating the police academy June 26 and that he would like to invite the Commission to attend. He will send more information as the date gets closer and everything gets confirmed.

##### **2. LPR Program Update**

Chief Spera advised the Commission that the license plate readers have arrived and have been installed. He stated that he is extremely impressed with the technology. It's a great Officer safety tool a great enforcement tool and he was hoping to show it to the Commission but due to the inclement weather he will show it to the Commission at a later date. He also added that he is working on a public relations aspect possibly leaving notes for people parked who have expired registration, insurance etc. giving them a reminder to not drive their car until everything is up to par. He stated that he also reached out to the Harbor News regarding body cameras and reimbursement and the reporter will also be doing a story on the license plate readers.

### **3. Correspondence**

Chief Spera passed around the most recent correspondence.

#### **IV. Discussion concerning the nomination of a Vice Chairman**

Chairman Von Dassel stated that he was looking to discuss the nomination of a Vice Chairman and hopefully put it on the next agenda as an action item. Commissioner Keeney volunteered to serve as Vice Chairman. The Commission decided that they will vote next meeting and hopefully they will have a full Commission at that point.

#### **V. Comments from the Public**

Eleanor LaPlace stated that she would like to know the proper process to present a petition to the Police Commission regarding the RFP and an evaluation of the Chief of Police.

Chairman Von Dassel stated that she should write letter to Police Commission and he will consult the Town's lawyer and find out what format it should be presented in.

#### **VI. Comments from the Chief of Police**

Chief Spera stated that he will be looking into updating the Department's general orders and he will present his findings to the Commission. He added that the Department is currently looking to fill #25 and that he will be working with dispatchers very shortly review schedule adding 8<sup>th</sup> Dispatcher.

He added that the Commission should be seeing and hearing about a crackdown in narcotic activity in Old Saybrook very soon as Officers have been busy working on cases.

#### **VII. Comments and/or Concerns from Commissioners**

Commissioner Reid asked if Chief is part of the Association of Police Chiefs. Chief stated yes.

Commissioner Reid asked if it is possible to get in writing by the association that nobody else does Police Chief Evaluations.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Reid made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Moran seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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