

## **Old Saybrook Police Commission**

Regular Meeting

May 24, 2021

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, May 24, 2021 via ZOOM. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety at <https://youtu.be/IWxjSXE-pSU>

**Present:** Chairman Keeney, Vice Chairman Reid, Secretary Maselli, Commissioners Von Dassel, Quish, Shippee and Wilcox. Chief Spera and Captain DePerry was present from the Department of Police Services.

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

Chairman Keeney called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. Comments from the Public**

Katie Toolan commented.

### **III. Discussion and Action Concerning the Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021**

Secretary Maselli made a motion to accept the first April 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion to accept the first April 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Commissioner Wilcox made a motion to accept the second April 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion to accept the second April 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.

### **IV. Executive Reports**

#### **a. Financial**

##### **i. FY 21 Status**

Chief Spera reviewed the 2021 budget sheets with the Commission and stated that he is confident that Department will end the year in the black.

##### **ii. FY 22 Process**

Chief Spera stated that 15 people voted against the budget. Clear sign the Town is heading in the direction it should be under the current leadership.

#### **b. Administrative & Operational**

##### **i. Executive Report**

##### **1. Report from the Chief of Police**

The Chief updated the Commission regarding COVID-19 and the vaccination clinic.

The Chief updated the Commission regarding the new fleet time frame.

The Chief advised the Commission that Patrolman Kostek will be leaving the Old Saybrook Police Department and returning to Clinton (his hometown). Clinton will be paying Old Saybrook for Patrolman Kostek as he has not hit his three year anniversary. Chief Spera advised the Commission that Chief DeMaio respectfully came over to Old Saybrook to meet with Chief Spera and they discussed the transfer in person.

**V. Discussion and Possible Action on the Chief's Report on Sworn Employee Turnover.**

The Commission discussed the Chief's Report on Sworn Employee Turnover.

**Vice Chairman Reid made a motion that the Commission receive/accept and take no further action on the Chief's Report. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Keeney, Reid, Maselli, Von Dassel & Quish) and 2 against (Shippee & Wilcox).**

**VI. Discussion and Possible Action to Enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion Legal Strategy Concerning the Police Union's Grievance with Labor Counsel.**

Chief Spera advised the Commission that Attorney McHale was unable to make the meeting tonight.

**Secretary Maselli made a motion to table item # 6 to a future meeting. Vice Chairman Reid seconded the motion. The motion to table agenda item # 6 passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.**

**VII. Discussion and Possible Action on the Chief's Request for Support on his Proposal Concerning the Hiring of Tenured Law Enforcement Professionals.**

The Commission discussed the Chief's proposal.

**Secretary Maselli made a motion to support the Chief's proposal concerning the Hiring of Tenured Law Enforcement Professionals. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7 favor and 0 against.**

**VIII. Comments from The Chief of Police**

The Chief commented.

**IX. Comments for Commissioners**

The Commission commented.

**X. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Quish made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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