

Old Saybrook Police Commission
Regular Meeting
August 23, 2021
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, August 23, 2021 via ZOOM. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety at https://youtu.be/cJLX_5Vu5Tk

Present: Chairman Keeney, Secretary Maselli, Commissioners 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 7:00 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

He advised the Commission that Commissioner Von Dassel was unable to attend due to being out of state and Vice Chairman Reid was in the hospital and to keep him in their prayers.

II. Comments from the Public

Mike Looney commented.

III. Discussion and Action Concerning the Minutes of the Regular June 28, 2021 and Special July 21, 2021 Meetings.

Commissioner Quish made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting. Secretary Maselli seconded the motion. The motion to approve the June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Secretary Maselli made a motion to approve the July 21, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. Commissioner Shippee requested the second entered be changed to exited in the Executive Session. The motion to approve the July 21, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes with the change passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

IV. Executive Reports

a. Financial

i. FY 21 Review

The Commission reviewed the FY 21 ending budget.

ii. FY 22 Status

The Commission reviewed the FY 22 current budget.

b. Administrative & Operational

i. Executive Report

1. Fleet Replacement Program

The new fleet has arrived, waiting for outfitting to being.

2. Uniform Committee Update

New uniforms have been selected by Committee. Will be ordering soon.

3. Personnel Matters

Three new hires will be starting soon.

V. Comments from the Chair Regarding Recent Correspondence.

Chairman Keeney advised the Commission regarding correspondence with First Selectman Fortuna regarding pending lawsuits involving the Police Department.

The Commission also spoke about a letter that each Commissioner received.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing the Police Union's Grievance.

Commissioner Quish made a motion to entering into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion the Police Union's Grievance and for the Purpose of Discussing a Personnel Matter inviting Chief Spera, Captain DePerry and Patrolman Jared White to join. Secretary Maselli seconded the motion. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

The Commission Entered into Executive Session at 7:26PM.

The Commission Exited Executive Session at 8:23PM.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing a Personnel Matter.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on the Sale of a Police K-9.

Secretary Maselli made a motion to allow K-9 Sonny to be sold to Patrolman Jared White for the amount of \$4,000.00. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion to sell K-9 Sonny to Patrolman Jared White passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

IX. Discussion and Possible Action on the Chief's Request for Support on his Proposal Concerning the Department Police K-9 Program.

The Chief read a letter to the Commission regarding his K-9 proposal.

The Commission discussed the proposal.

Commissioner Wilcox made a motion to support the Chief's proposal for the future of the canine program. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion to support the proposal passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

X. Comments from the Chief of Police

Chief Spera commented.

XI. Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Quish commented.

Chairman Keeney commented.

XII. Adjournment

Secretary Maselli made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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