

Old Saybrook Police Commission

Special Meeting

September 19, 2022

MINUTES

A special hybrid meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, September 19, 2022. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety at <https://youtu.be/Ua7eVQXtJNk>

Present: Vice Chairman Shippee, Secretary Notar-Francesco, Commissioners Calle, Manning, Maselli and Von Dassel. Chief Spera and Captain DePerry were present in person from the Department of Police Services. **Absent:** Chairman Wilcox.

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance (0:20)

Vice Chairman Shippee called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Comments from the Public (0:48)

There were no comments from the public.

III. Commission Workshop – School Based Policing – School Resource Office Program, School Safety Investigation Procedures, School Campus Emergency Preparedness and Response (2:47)

Chief Spera, Captain DePerry, Patrolman Dwyer, Sergeant Micowski and the School Resource Officers (Patrolman Gabianelli, Patrolman Aresco and Patrolman Rooney) presented a workshop to the Commission regarding school based policing.

The Commission took a five minute recess at 8:45 PM.

The Commission resumed at 8:52 PM.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action on the Meeting Minutes for: (1:52:51)

a. August 22, 2022 Regular Meeting (1:52:51)

Secretary Notar-Francesco made a motion to approve the August 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Maselli seconded the motion. The motion to approve the August 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 6 (Shippee/Notar-Francesco/Calle/Manning/Maselli/Von Dassel) in favor 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

V. Executive Reports (1:53:16)

a. FY 23 Operating Budget (1:53:21)

Chief Spera reviewed the financials that were included in Commission packets.

b. Off Budget Accounts (1:57:52)

Chief Spera reviewed the Off Budget accounts that were included in Commission packets.

c. Personnel Matters (1:59:29)

Chief Spera updated the Commission stating that Sergeant Hackett has resigned and took a job with the Old Lyme Police Department. He stated that the Department wishes him well and that this move will be better suited for family life for Sergeant Hackett.

He advised the Commission that Patrick Hanley is still out and using built up personal leave time. He stated that hopefully we will see him back soon.

He stated that the Department has hired a new dispatcher who will start next month. This dispatcher comes with prior experience which should make training smoother.

Chief Spera advised the Commission that the candidate they approved last month, Zachary Capron, has decided that he no longer wants to be in law enforcement and has removed himself from the process.

i. Status of Members (2:01:24)

Chief Spera stated that currently there are four (4) full time patrol vacancies.

d. Fleet Up (2:01:50)

Chief Spera stated that a couple more of the car auctions have ended but were not successful. They have been put back out to bid. So far \$37,200 has been received from the car auction sales. The goal is \$45,000. If the current auction isn't successful, the Chief said he will come back to the Commission with some different ideas. He is confident that the goal of \$45,000 will be met.

He also wanted to advise the Commission that he has heard questions regarding selling the cars with the radios. He stated that yes, they are being sold with radios, but they have been wiped clean and the radios are starting to hit their end of life.

e. K-9 Program Update (2:04:33)

Chief Spera stated that he is not rushing to replace the K-9 handler. He stated that there are a lot of factors that come into picking the next handler and getting that program up and going again. He stated that some of the factors are that an Officer might have to relocate and that the Officer and dog need time to bond before any training begins. He stated that he is looking at the next September 2023 class for dog and handler.

f. Professional Development Update (2:11:11)

Chief Spera advised the Commission on some recent Professional Development that has taken place by Department members.

The entire Department participated in the back to school active shooter training.

He stated that he and Captain DePerry recently completed a legal update course.

The Chief hosted a Leadership team meeting about a week and a half ago.

g. Activity Report (2:11:39)

The Commission reviewed the activity report that was included in their packets.

Chief Spera stated that the report comes directly from NexGen with no changes from the Police Department.

The Commission asked Chief Spera questions regarding the activity report.

VI. Correspondence (2:19:06)

The correspondence from the Commission has been collected and given to the Clerk.

VII. Comments from the Public (2:22:00)

There were no comments from the Public.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Action to Enter into Executive Session for the Purposes of Interviewing for the Position of Patrolman Trainee. (2:22:14)

Secretary Notar-Francesco made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the Purposes of Interviewing for the Position of Patrolman Trainee inviting Chief Spera and Captain DePerry to participate. Commissioner Maselli seconded the motion. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed with a vote of 6 (Shippee/Notar-Francesco/Calle/Manning/Maselli/Von Dassel) in favor and 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 9:22 PM.

Connor Egan entered Executive Session at 9:31 PM.

Connor Egan exited Executive Session at 9:39 PM.

Wyatt Novak entered Executive Session at 9:49 PM.

Wyatt Novak exited Executive Session at 10:05 PM.

The Commission exited Executive Session and resume public session at 10:12 PM

IX. Discussion and Possible Action to Make an appointment to the Position of Patrolman (2:22:55)

Commissioner Maselli made a motion to hire Wyatt Novak for the position of Patrolman following the successful completion of the remaining elements in the hiring process at a date to be determined by the Chief. Commissioner Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6

(Shippee/Notar-Francesco/Calle/Manning/Maselli/Von Dassel) in favor and 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Commissioner Maselli made a motion to hire Connor Egan for the position of Patrolman Trainee following the successful completion of the remaining elements in the hiring process at a date to be determined by the Chief. Secretary Notar-Francesco seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6 (Shippee/Notar-Francesco/Calle/Manning/Maselli/Von Dassel) in favor and 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

X. Comments from the Chief of Police (2:23:48)

The Chief had no additional comments.

XI. Comments from Police Commissioners (2:23:54)

Commissioner Calle commented.

Vice Chairman Shippee commented.

XII. Adjournment (2:25:02)

Commissioner Manning made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Calle. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 6 (Shippee/Notar-Francesco/Calle/Manning/Maselli/Von Dassel) in favor and 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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