

Old Saybrook Police Commission

Special Meeting

April 26, 2021

MINUTES

A SPECIAL meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, April 26, 2021 via ZOOM. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety at <https://youtu.be/UqZAMitS-j8>

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 7:36 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Comments from the Public

Mark Hand commented.

III. Executive Reports

a. Financial

i. FY 21 Status

Chief Spera stated he is comfortable with the budget status and that he believes the Police Department will end FY 21 with an overall surplus.

ii. FY 22 Process

Chief Spera stated there will be an in person budget referendum.

b. Administrative

i. Executive Report

Chief Spera stated that he has two employee resignations to report to the Police Commission.

Patrolman John Baldino who has served about two and a half years and per diem Dispatcher William McGregor who has been with the Department for over 33 years.

The department will be taking a course on autism training. The instructor is a former police officer whose child is autistic.

1. Report from the Chief of Police

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

The Chief presented the Commission with his report on Sworn Employee Turnover.

The Commission discussed and decided to take time to read through the report and ask any questions at the next meeting.

V. Discussion and Possible Action to Enter Executive Session for the Propose of Discussing the Performance of a Patrolman and the Chief of Police.

Secretary Maselli made a motion to enter into Executive Session inviting Chief Spera, Captain DePerry and Patrolman August DeFrance to join. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Quish. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

The Commission entered Executive Session at 7:50 PM.

The Commission exited Executive Session and resumed Public Session at 10:42 PM.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on matters discussed during Executive Session.

Chairman Keeney stated that the Commission has received and accepted an exit interview.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Monetary Donations.

The Commission discussed monetary donations.

Secretary Maselli made a motion to request Chief Spera and Finance Director Palladino come and present the off budget accounts to the Commission, have the Commission ask questions and review the existing policy before taking any other steps. Vice Chairman Reid seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Civil Lawsuits Filed Against the Town of Old Saybrook

The Commission discussed civil lawsuits filed against the Town of Old Saybrook.

The Commission decided to authorize the Chairman to research town litigation and report back to the Commission his findings.

IX. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Amending the Civilian Complaint Procedure.

X. Comments from The Chief of Police

XI. Comments for Commissioners

XII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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