



**Town Of New Paltz
Police Commission
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Susan Zimet
Jeff Logan
Kevin Barry
Daniel Torres

**April 16, 2015
6:45 p.m.**

Present: Commissioner Susan Zimet, Commissioner Dan Torres, Commissioner Jeff Logan, and Commissioner Kevin Barry, Chief Joseph Snyder.

At 6:50 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Barry to open the Police Commission Meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner Barry to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Ira Margolis commented that three years should have been sufficient time for attorney to respond to legalities of disposing of evidence/monies/property in the Evidence Room. He asked if the Town Board had done any audits regarding safety and oversight of evidence room.

Announcements:

The Annual Ulster County Stop DWI Award was Officer Carmine Fuoco for Municipality DWI arrests. He announced that Officer Channing James received a certificate as a runner up for that award. New Paltz Bus Driver Rafaella Policastro was the recipient of an award from "Operation Safe STOP", this project works in conjunction with NYS to promote school bus safety.

County Executive Mike Hein awarded the Chief the Charles Schaller Award for Traffic Safety that acknowledges a person's service and dedication to Ulster County and traffic safety. It is the first time the award went to someone outside of the Safety Committee and the first time it went to someone in law enforcement.

New Paltz will receive two of next month's Ulster County Chief's Awards. Officer Robert Sisco will receive a reward for investigation, and the New Paltz Police Department will receive an award for the investigation, shared with other agencies, that resulted from the Easter 2014 homicides in New Paltz. The ceremony will be on Thursday May 21, 2015. The chief requested that the regular Police Commission meeting that is scheduled for that night be combined with the following month's agenda.

Commissioner Zimet announced that Andy Kossover, Public Defender recently won the New York State Public Defender's Award for 2015.

Monthly Report- March 2015:

Defensive Action Reports- (2)

1. Traffic stop that evolved into an officer unholstering his weapon. One report was filed, the situation was resolved and no further action was taken.
2. Disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. The first officer was required to employ an armlock, bringing the individual to the ground, and then use of a taser by the second officer in order to control the situation. New Paltz Rescue Squad evaluated the person. No medical attention was required. Two reports were filed and no further action was taken.

Commendations- (2)

1. The first letter was to the Department as a whole, for hosting the Health Communication training that the Department offers as a provider of TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures). TIPS has been offered in New Paltz, led by Chief Snyder for thirteen years, to business owners, servers and others interested in learning and/or certification in the responsible service, sale, and consumption of alcohol. In addition, Officer Carmine Fuoco participated in the class and will now be a trainer as well.
2. The second letter was to Officer Heather Lloyd for a presentation she gave to the children at Duzine School.

Sale approval of 2008 Charger 7F346:

There were three bids submitted. Chief Snyder recommended that the Board accept the highest bid of \$10,000, which was submitted by Absolutely Automotive. Aside from the good price, the vehicle will then be donated to be used as a DARE vehicle by a police agency. A motion was made by Commissioner Logan to accept the bid. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Additional funds approval for purchase of new Detective vehicle:

Chief Snyder indicated that there are funds available for a replacement vehicle and requested that the Board approve up to \$5,000 from the Seized Assets account towards a new detective car. A motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Logan to approve up to \$5,000 from the Seized Assets account for said purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Donation to URGENT request/ approval of 2001 Taurus:

Chief Snyder valued the vehicle at around \$300. He suggested the Board approve the donation of the 2001 Taurus to the Ulster County Sheriff's countywide Task Force "URGENT". They will repair it and use for the Task Force, which will benefit the Town and Village of New Paltz, since they are in New Paltz often. A motion was made by Commissioner Zimet to donate the vehicle to URGENT. Seconded by Commissioner Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Vehicle Inventory/ Additional Coverage- Equipment Insurance Rider:

Chief Snyder recommended that the rider be approved due to the value of the specialty equipment in the vehicles. According to a cost analysis done by Lt. Lucchesi, the additional coverage would cost less than \$1,000 per year, and about \$600 for the remainder of this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Torres to approve the rider. Seconded by Commissioner Zimet, all aye votes were cast, motion carried.

Commissioner Zimet indicated that the Insurance Company offers safety training for police officers that will minimize insurance costs. The Town Board is looking into how more officers can attend training sessions without incurring overtime costs.

4th of July Fireworks-July 2nd with Sunday Raindate:

This item was moved to the Town Board's Meeting Agenda for approval and easier access by the public when seeking information. The date for fireworks will be moved to Thursday, July 2nd with a rain date of Sunday, the 5th, which will kickoff the holiday weekend and save \$2,000 to \$3,000 in overtime costs for personnel.

Money in the Evidence Room, waiting for attorney response:

Commissioner Zimet said that the Board will have a report from the attorney next week. She noted that it was needed for the new budget and said it would be on the agenda for next week's Town Board meeting.

Personnel:

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Barry to go in to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a personnel issue. Seconded by Commissioner Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:33 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Logan to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Logan to accept the minutes of ***March 19, 2015***. Seconded by Commissioner Barry, all aye votes were cast, motion carried.

At 7:36 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Logan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes were cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diann Lee
Deputy Town Clerk