

**Police Commission Meeting
July 21, 2016
6:45 p.m.**

Present: Commissioner Neil Bettez, Commissioner Dan Torres, Commissioner Jeff Logan, Commissioner Marty Irwin, Chief Joe Snyder. **Absent:** Commissioner Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

At 6:47 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Commissioner Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to adopt the agenda as written. Seconded by Commissioner Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input: None

Monthly Report-June 2016:

Defensive Action Reports (1)

1. NPPD assisted the NYSP Highland with a Domestic Incident call that resulted in a Resisting Arrest charge.

Commendations (3)

1. A message was received expressing appreciation for Dispatcher Hoover's assistance with obtaining an old Police Report.
2. A letter was received from the LGBTQ Community Center thanking the NPPD for its assistance during the Pride Parade.
3. A letter was received from the Huguenot Street Nursery School thanking the NPPD for their help during the annual 5K Run/Walk.

Chief Snyder indicated that the New Paltz Police Department received a Certificate of Recognition from the NYS Chief's Association.

Commissioner Irwin indicated that he received an email from Richard Fiesel thanking Officer Fuoco for returning his lost card case.

Contract for Traffic Control Services-UC Agricultural Society for UC Fair:

Chief Snyder indicated that this is the same contract that is used with other agencies. This will be voted on during the Town Board portion of the meeting.

Taser Purchase:

Chief Snyder indicated that the PD has had one Taser that has been assigned to 2 officers for almost 8 years. Over that time, it has been deployed 2 times. This is a less lethal option for the officers to use, and results in reduced officer injuries. The cost for 5 units is about \$20,000. He would like to use money from the Seized Assets account, the Ammunition and other budget lines. This has been recommended by the Insurance Company, as a mechanism for stabilizing or reducing the cost of insurance rates. A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to approve the purchase of Tasers to provide to trained officers, in an amount not to exceed \$20,700. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Police Advisory Board:

Commissioner Torres would like to see a board deal with complaints against the Police Department, and would operate much like the Ethics Board. They would meet only when needed but at least once a year. Councilman Torres believes this would bring more objectivity. Commissioner Logan indicated that this can be done via a resolution. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk