



**Police Commission Meeting
January 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

Present: Commissioner Neil Bettez, Commissioner Alex Baer, Commissioner Dan Torres, Chief Rob Lucchesi.

Absent: Commissioner David Brownstein, Commissioner Seyfert-Lillis.

At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Commissioner Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

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

Public Input: None

Referral to Town Board:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to refer to the Town Board approval to use \$1,057.00 from the computer reserve line to purchase a new system to comply with discovery requests. The current computer systems are not capable of processing and uploading the number and size of video files that are produced to the Ulster County System. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Referral to Town Board:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to refer to the Town Board acceptance of the resignation of part-time Dispatcher Collen Maher. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Referral to Town Board:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to refer to the Town Board approval to resume background on 1 part-time dispatcher and 2 part-time police officer applicants that were put on hold in 2020 due to budget freeze; and approval to interview part-time dispatcher and police officer applicants. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Proposed New Oath of Office:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to approve the proposed new oath of office for all police officer and dispatcher applicants. New oath to read:

"I, _____ do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York: and abide by the rules and regulations of the New Paltz Police Department without consideration to a person's race, age, color, sex, gender identity, religious creed, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, handicap or disability; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of _____ with fidelity and to the best of my ability.

Seconded by Commissioner Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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At 6:40 p.m. Commissioner Brownstein arrived.

At 6:41 p.m. Commissioner Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

Announcements:

1/27-NPRRC Virtual Town Hall Meeting

1/29-NP Opioid Response Team is hosting a Virtual Narcan Training

Thank you to Janelle Peotter and Amanda Gotto from the Climate Smart Task Force for their idea to publicize the Department's 2 new Hybrid SUVs.

Monthly Report-December 2020:

The replacement Live Scan Unit should arrive during the first quarter of the year.

Commendation (1)

1. Certificates of Appreciation from Ulster County Stop DWI were presented to Officer Evan Redmond and Officer Zachary Mitchell in recognition of their dedication and outstanding performance in 2019.

Defensive Action (1)

1. No charges filed.

Executive Session:

At 6:53 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing a personnel matter regarding Officer Sisco with the Chief. Seconded by Commissioner Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:08 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to come out of executive session and authorize the Chief and Town Labor Attorney to notify Officer Sisco that he has violated his last chance agreement and for them to pursue termination. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:11 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk