

**New Paltz Police Commission Meeting**

**March 12, 2024 7:00pm**

**Town of New Paltz Community Center**

**3 Veterans Drive**

**I. Meeting Details**

Chairperson: Karrie Rahaman-Bunce

Secretary: Haley Nechamkin

**II. Roll Call**

Present:

Tara Fitzpatrick

Steve Ford

Chief Lucchesi

Karrie Rahaman-Bunce

Absent:

Janice Butcher

Cindy Sanchez

**III. Call to Order 7:12pm**

Announcements:

- Conversations with the Police: Wednesday, March 20th, 6pm at the Police Department
- Thank you to Craig Chapman for hosting February's Conversations with the Police, there was one new participant.
- Chief thanked the commissioners for participating in making the candidate interview process possible and being flexible.
- Easter Egg Hunt, March 23rd on Huguenot Street, 12pm

Approval of Agenda: Karrie motions. Tara seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2024, Meeting: Tara motions. Steve seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

#### **IV. Public Input/Community Comments:**

- Tom Jelliffe: Wanted to know more about the sale of department firearms that are no longer in service, logistics, etc. (discussion item below).
- Edgar Rodriguez: Encouraged NP Police Department to post blank copies of personnel evaluation forms, to increase transparency, encourage open government, etc. (discussion item below).

#### **V. Old Business**

No old business to review.

#### **VI. New Business**

Monthly Report for February 2024:

- 4 Defensive Action Reports (one will be included in next month's report, happened towards the end of the month, review process still in progress)
  - 1 Personnel Complaint
  - No commendations
  - Crime Scene School- 2 officers attended training; 175 total hours; labor intensive, one NP member helped instruct this course
  - Instructive Development- allows officers to instruct general topics; 136 total hours
- Discussion to permit sale of department shotguns and handguns no longer in service to department members rather than firearms dealer at fair market price
    - Normally, the department sells to federal dealers, etc. and takes proceeds to use for future purchases of weapons, maintenance of new weapons, etc. In this case, the department wants to speak with multiple dealers to determine fair market value, and then offer them at fair rates to avoid mark-ups from a private entity. The funds from these sales will be saved for when upgrades to weapons need to be made, or for replacements of weapons. All money from these sales will go back into the department.

(Amended) Motion for Chief Lucchesi and the New Paltz Police Department to determine fair market value for the weapons they are looking to sell and then reconvene with the Police Commission. Steve motions. Tara seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

- Discussion on authorizing the NP Police Department to post on its website blank copies of the forms used to evaluate uniformed personnel of the department
  - Chief Lucchesi will check that this is not a union issue, but it should not be. These are just evaluation templates; no personal information is shared.
  - The department is open to comments if the public feels that the forms should be modified in any way.

Tara motions for the items below to be moved forward for discussion. Karrie seconds.

1. Have the Police Commission look at the form used for personnel evaluation.
2. Send personnel evaluation form to the Supervisors and the members themselves.
3. Post the personnel evaluation form online for the community to view and respond to.

**VII. Other Items**

No additional items at this time.

**VIII. Move to Executive Session**

Tara motions, Steve seconds to go into Executive Session at 7:47pm.

**IX. Return from Executive Session**

Tara motions, Steve seconds for the return from Executive Session at 8:35pm.

**X. Adjournment**

Tara motions, Steve seconds to adjourn at 8:35 pm. All in favor. Motion passed.