

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2023

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:46 PM and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Patrick Bergeron, Police Commissioner, Joseph Rossino, Police Commissioner, Chief Pelton, Lieutenant Chabot and Lillian Deeb.

Also Present: Steve Grange, Neighborhood Watch Leader Officer Jon Nightingale.

D. Dion - motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 6:46 pm. **P. Bergeron** – seconds and polled the members present and received the affirmative from all. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Grange leaves the meeting room.

Public meeting resumed at 6:54 pm.

D. Dion – motion to seal the non-public meeting minutes. **J. Rossino** – seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

REVIEW MINUTES

J. Rossino - motion to accept August 9, 2023, public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **P. Bergeron** – Abstained.

J. Rossino - motion to accept the August 9, 2023, non-public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **P. Bergeron** – Abstained.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – looks to Mr. Grange for update. **S. Grange** – comments on manning a sign-up table at the Duck Day and mentions working it around his work schedule. **L. Deeb** – comments PD will assist and bring some swag.

P. Bergeron – Motions to hire, Jon Nightingale as Part-time Officer, Step 4. **D. Dion** – seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – mentions Duck Day is Saturday and fireworks Friday night behind the AVS. He mentions Trunk or Treat is going to be the evening of October 31st and Town Trick or Treating will be 1 to 4 pm on the Sunday prior October 29th. He updates the commissioners the K9 was delivered and started school today. He mentions meeting us with Dairy Queen for photo op and

mentions Trevor and K9 making an appearance at DQ or commission meeting for meet and greet. He mentions the Amazon Locker is up and running and mentions returns can also be made from location. He comments department is still looking for residents to attend the Citizen's Academy, mentioning only have few people signed up and asks everyone to pass along the word to anyone interested, reach out to Melissa. He mentions new duty guns have been delivered and optics should be in later this week and training will likely be in October. **P. Bergeron** – asked how fundraising went for the dog. **Chief** – comments raised over \$10,000 mentioning a bulk came from Dairy Queen. **D. Dion** – comments \$5,207 and mentions thought the funds were close to \$12,000. **Lt. Chabot** – mentions had some residents that made multiple donations. **P. Bergeron** – asked about the age limit for Citizens Academy. **Chief** – confirms the 18-age limit but allowance to 16 if parents attended.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Lt. Chabot – comments on the 846 calls for service and mentions the 25 incident reports and what they entail. He mentions the 12 arrests and 166 MV stops. He comments on the up-tick in credit cards fraud cases and mentions the thank-you letter received by department from a resident that reported fraud and Officer Goulet assisted him.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – reviews the 2023 budget numbers to date. **Chief** – comments the surplus is linked to a full-time officer being deployed for the year. **D. Dion** – comments might like to see a cruiser purchased outright this year. **Chief** – mentions he raised this issue with Town Administration who was receptive to idea and see come November. **D. Dion** – comments department budget presentation will need to be before Thanksgiving. **Chief** – mentions the two cruiser payments have already in the budget for approval. He mentions with payment 2024 budget expenses are down, but modifications can be made once it is determined funds remain. **D. Dion** – comments on preparing payroll. **Chief** – mentions this is the first year and Finance Director Mimi has been very helpful, but comments town has lots going on with changes made to the Highway Department and PD is looking to cause little to no stress and hopes to come in with a reduced budget or level. **D. Dion** – mentions fuel costs. **Chief** – explains looked at national costs and what has been expended and anticipates spending majority of what was budgeted. He also updates commission that the FD is now full-time staffed and comments on coverage.

NEW BUSINESS

P. Bergeron-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Jason Ientile, award him an increase from Part-time Officer Step 5 to Step 6 **D. Dion** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron -motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Greg Santuccio, award him an increase from Part-time Officer Step 10 to award 2% merit increase. **D. Dion** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Ryan Goulet, award him an increase from Full-time Officer, Step 6 to Step 7. **D. Dion** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Jarlene Cornett, award her a merit increase of 2%. **D. Dion** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7: 15 PM. **J. Rossino** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

The meeting closed at 7:15 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.