

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2018

D. Dion – motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), dismissal, promotion or compensation of any person as a public employee at 6:33 PM. **D. McCarthy** - second. **D. Dion** – polled the members having received the affirmative for all. **Motion passes.**

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Police Commissioner, Michael Rolfe, Police Commissioner, Chief Edward Picard, Lt. Ray Pelton, and Lillian Deeb, Office Manager

Dion – reconvenes the public meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He asks everyone to stand and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Bill Herman, Mike DiPietro and Mike Dross.

D. McCarthy - motion to seal the minutes from the non-public meeting. **M. Rolfe** – seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

REVIEW THE September 11, 2018 MINUTES

D. McCarthy - motion to accept the September 11, 2018 minutes as presented. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – comments on the 833 calls for service in September and 751 in October. He further comments on the five burglaries during that time period and comments on some being solved. He mentions the 2 pedestrian MV fatalities, commenting there were none last year and comments there will be some DWI target patrols during the holiday season. **D. McCarthy** – asks the Chief to comment on the uptick in pedestrian accidents everywhere. **Chief** – comments on the one reported today, commenting poor visibility, mentioning sure others have experienced near misses with pedestrians at night.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

R. Pelton – expands on Chief's report and mention of the recent up-tick in burglaries but comments on Detective Sergeant Chabot's good work developing a break in one of the cases. He further mentions the recent home invasion and the good work by Sergeant Cashman in apprehending the person and comments additional arrests will likely occur. He comments it was a great job by all because the subject had a firearm. He mentions the recent community events which took place and moving into the holiday. He comments on the success of the Trunk or Treat event, mentions the Auburn Police Association, Fry Guys served up free french fries. Officer Beaule assisted with that event also. He mentions Melissa's Giving Tree and mentions the amount of tags that have already been taken by residents and gifts are already pouring in. He comments on Melissa's new endeavor for Liberty House raising clothing and

toiletries for veterans in need. He also comments on the Santa Parade the department and FD department are organizing but comments still in the planning stages, although it looks like a go. He comments on the police department's recent meetings with the Selectmen and the Budget Committee. He thanks the police commission for their over-critical look at the department spending on certain lines because it forced the department to look over things in detail for their presentation to the Selectmen and Budget Committee convincing them about the two cruiser, need for mobile terminals and computers, it assisted in getting the facts out there ahead of time. **D. Dion** – clarifies with Mr. Herman that the Selectmen did not vote on the department budget and questions the revisit as it relates to the open line related to computers. **B. Herman** – comments he can assume but is unsure why the Selectmen didn't vote. **D. Dion** – comments there is a meeting Monday with the governing board and can ask there.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – does not see Mr. Grange. **R. Pelton** – mentions Mr. Grange contacted the department to let them know he might not make it but mentions the department helped the NW and had a sign up at the AVS during the polls. He comments he was surprised after having concerns with the construction. He mentions the NW has 14 new members following the polls. He further comments information is still being exchanged with the group. **D. McCarthy** – asked if there were any common areas in the recent burglaries. **R. Pelton** – comments the likelihood the last four were by the same person but that they were all over the place but only linked two with certainty. **D. McCarthy** – asks about getting any press on this. **R. Pelton** – comments occasionally the agency will put out a press release but until things go to trial and reach disposition.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments on cruisers, mentioning the Selectmen didn't vote but appeared to be in favor of leasing two and Budget Committee did vote for it but asks for an update as to what the department feels might be in budget for computers this year. **R. Pelton** – explains looking at the part-time line were much of the money is, explains the department was able to get the new full-time officer up and running quickly and may be over in full-time line a little but guesses \$30,000. **D. McCarthy** – asks how this overage impacts the cruisers. **D. Dion** – affirms it doesn't but comments all the numbers will come in to play. He questions the Chief about the questionable purchase of the 4 laptops at approximately \$5500. **Chief** – comments on checking with the Board of Selectmen. **D. Dion** – mentions the Selectmen were in support to make purchases and mentions he remains in support of the decision the commission made at its previous meeting but open for comment from the other commissioners. **D. McCarthy** – comments still opposed and comments the staff made a great presentation but still considers the purchase of 1 one year and 2 next a viable option. He further comments that with the Selectmen and Budget Committee's support will defer addressing it again next year. **M. Rolfe** – mentions missing a meeting changed things. **D. McCarthy** – comments since motion was made to lease two does not need to make any changes. **D. Dion** – moves on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments evaluations are next on agenda. **D. McCarthy** – comments discussing the computers since discussing budget. He comments that was the budget line which he had

added to. **D. Dion** – outlines the matter, indicating the police department had requested approximately \$23,000. He mentions the department had proposed \$7800 for 9 computers at the Safety Complex and get that done this year and Commissioner McCarthy increased the line to budget for those computers in 2019. **D. McCarthy** – comments he increased computer line so as not to predicate on what was spent in 2018 and prepare in 2019 to secure funding. He further mentions it was the department that dropped it back down. **R. Pelton** – comments it was the Selectmen that recommended that change. **D. McCarthy** – doesn't have problem if the Selectmen agree. **D. Dion** – comments on what was proposed in August, but the line remains open with both Selectmen and Budget Committee. He further explains his position on using remaining 2018 funds. **D. McCarthy** – questions whether there is a double dipping. **M. DiPietro** – asks what the Budget Committee approved the line at. **D. Dion** – comments that line was left open to make a further analysis. **R. Pelton** – mentions making an alternative suggestion to commission. He mentions the Budget Committee looked to be seeking level funding and that was the department's position to spend the surplus so as not to impact the tax rate. He mentions if the department purchased the 9 computers for \$7000 and purchases two data terminals for \$10,000, totally \$17,000, the 2019 computer line would still be reduced, and this would have to be approved by Selectmen. He further explains the maintenance plans the department works with and explains the maintenance plan purpose. He comments if the department went out and purchased 10 data terminals, the problem is they would likely all age out at the same time and the department would be looking for 10 again down the road. He explains this rotating plan works with the radios and the department could transition out oldest equipment. **M. Dross** – asks what the total number of computers in the station and cruisers. **D. Dion** – explains the equipment cost is about \$50,000 for cruiser and about \$8,000 for station. **D. McCarthy** – affirms the department has about \$50,000 in computer equipment. **D. Dion** – questions Mr. Herman if he recommends the commission take the vote tonight. **B. Herman** – comments if comfortable they should. **D. McCarthy** – motions to move 01-4210-3-340-1 Computer Line in the amount of \$23,100. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – motions based on satisfactory review and award Daniel Goonan a step increase from a Labor Grade 11, Step 11 to a Labor Grade 11, Step 12. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – motion to adjourn. **M. Rolfe** second. All favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:23 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.