

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2020

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:53 PM

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Commissioner, Michael Rolfe, Commissioner, Chief Pelton, Lt. Chabot and Lillian Deeb.

D. Dion - motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (c). **D. McCarthy** – seconds and polled the members having received the affirmative from all present. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion –at 7:02 pm reconvenes public meeting.

Also present: Bill Herman, Town Administrator, Steve Granger, Neighborhood Watch Leader.

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

D. Dion – leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

D. McCarthy - motion to accept June 9, 2020 public minutes as presented. **R. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy - motion to accept the June 9, 2020 non- public minutes as presented. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – updates commissioners on the number of current cases of COVID-19, mentioning the town has one active case. He comments the department continues to have adequate PPE supplies. He mentions the Selectmen approved PD to purchase a secure locking and cameras system for the front door to enable the department to limit people in the lobby at one time. He further mentions the cost will come from the Cares Act. He explains the Selectmen are continuing to allow the FD and PD to maintain the community training room limiting public access. He mentions the Selectmen have approved using funds from the police detail line to purchase and update the building security cameras which date back to early 2000's when the building was built. He mentions Officer Webber will be graduating the academy; however, the Academy cancelled the public graduation ceremony. He comments after five weeks of field training he should be ready to go. He comments Officer Spinney will be starting the academy at the end of the month. He mentions having submitted invoices for reimbursement from the Cares Act and although monies have been received, he anticipates funding should be reimbursed into the department's line items soon. He mentions to the commissioners in preparation of the 2021 budget he will be requesting commissioners take a look at body cameras. He mentions with changes coming from the State he would like to get ahead and has

been reviewing options, styles and prices that best work for Auburn and will have a formal proposal come budget time, along with policies related to the use and wearing of body cameras. **D. Dion** – asks if this is something that could be covered under the Cares Act. **Chief** – explains it would not. He mentions the department has firearms and defensive training coming up and mentions the events that are coming up. He comments on the Wine Run and what the department is doing to prepare for it and the up coming 10 Miler around the Lake. He mentions the race coordinator is on a Committee which deals with race safety recommendations and mentions safety plans are in place. He further mentions the summer spike in thefts from vehicles and in general police activity around public areas. **D. Dion** – quickly questions an invoice he saw last week as it related to the removing of decals and asked if that was a cruiser the department was selling. **Chief** – comments the decals were removed on a cruiser the department is keeping.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Lt. Chabot – comments on the 5 arrest and 782 calls for service in the month of June and further comments on the 1000 calls for service and 3 arrests in July. He mentions the 295-motor vehicle stops, commenting on Officer Hanson and mentions officers continue to perform nightly business checks with assist in keeping the commercial burglaries down. He mentions the 2 July calls for unexpected deaths the department unfortunately dealt with. He mentions the 1 use of force the department reported this month, commenting Auburn is ahead of the game and has had Use of Force policies in place for a period of time now. **D. McCarthy** – comments on the report related to animal control arrest. **Lt. Chabot** – mentions when a warrant is done even for violates it is processed as arrest.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – greets Steve Grange. **S. Grange** – mentions the Neighborhood Watch (NW) lost the leaders of Group C and mentions there is a strategy meeting schedule. **Chief** – comments the meeting is scheduled for August 20th at 6:30 here at the Safety Complex. He mentions the last Crier article looked for replacement leaders last month and some volunteers contacted the PD to express and interest. The department will be facilitating the meeting. **S. Grange** – comments communication ideas will be discussed. **D. Dion** – questions whether the NW map is still available. **S. Grange** – affirms the map.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments reviewing 2020 budget is at about 60% used. **Chief** – reminds the commission there still will be a reimbursement made to some equipment lines. **D. Dion** – asks about the overage on cruiser line. **Chief** – comments on the encumbered funds. **Chief** – mention the new cruisers have been outfitted and are operational. **M. Rolfe** – asks how they are working out. **Chief** – recommends coming by to see, mentioning they are larger. He comments some cities may not like them due to the increased size.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – mentions last on agenda is employee evaluation.

D. McCarthy – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Melissa Gates and award her a step increase from Labor Grade 5, Step 14 to Labor Grade 5, Step 15. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Peter Lennon and award him a step increase from Labor Grade 6, Step 12 to Labor Grade 6, Step 13. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Lil Deeb and award her a step increase from Labor Grade 6, Step 19 to Labor Grade 6, Step 20. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Greg Santuccio and award him a step increase from Labor Grade 6, Step 16 to Labor Grade 6, Step 17. **D. Dion** – second. **R. Rolfe** – abstained from vote. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Karl Hanson and award him a step increase from Labor Grade 8, Step 11 to Labor Grade 8, Step 12. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – asks if anyone has any questions before they adjourn. **M. Rolfe** – comments under new business he would like to look to have the town's attorney contacted about the Tideview Report and un-redacting it. **D. McCarthy** – question whether that was a motion and seconds upon Mr. Rolfe's affirming it was a motion. **D. Dion** – abstained. All in favor. **Motion passes.**
D. McCarthy – comments Bill Herman can contact Attorney Peahl to facilitate a meeting.

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7:23 PM. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:23 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.