

**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jenna Caulfield at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting. In attendance were Commissioner Terry Fogarty, Commissioner Michael Long, Commissioner Travis Schweizer, Commissioner Tenesha Grant, Chief Nicholas Boulter, Deputy Chief Chris Davis, Lt. Gregory Samselski and recommended new officer Eric Popielarczyk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Fogarty read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the Commission on January 11, 2021.

4. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Chairperson Caulfield read an email from Joan Coe, who spoke about an internal investigation that occurred in 2018 regarding a vandalized footlocker.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After a motion was made by Commissioner Schweizer and seconded by Commissioner Fogarty, it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Special Meeting.

After a motion was made by Commissioner Fogarty and seconded by Commissioner Grant, it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Special Meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report

None

b. Chief's Report

i. General

- The Town and the Fire District completed a method of understanding (MOU) for the shared services regarding the new public safety radio system. Anticipating completion within the next few months.

Personnel:

- New officer, Sean Crowley, is doing well with field training; anticipate he will complete field training in March.
- Lt. Samselski jumped in his new role as Patrol commander.

- COVID continues to impact the department; first responders were offered the vaccination
- Currently have 1 dispatch and 4 sworn position vacancies

ii. Consolidated Monthly Report – December 2020

- 31 vehicles were stolen in 2020, which was a 55% increase (11 vehicles) compared to 2019.
- 35% decrease in MV accidents in 2020 compared to 2019, 383 and 587, respectively.
- Pistol permit applications increased in 2020 to 347 compared to 65 in 2019.

iii. Preliminary Monthly Activity Report - January 2021

No comment

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. New Officer Selection Recommendation – Eric Popielarczyk

Chief Boulter introduced Eric Popielarczyk to the Police Commission and provided a background on his career. Eric answered questions from the Commissioners.

After a motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Fogarty, it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the hiring of Eric Popielarczyk.

b. Police Chaplain Policy

Chief Boulter explained the Police Chaplain Policy and why it would be an asset to the department. The Commissioners briefly discussed the program.


After a motion was made by Commissioner Fogarty and seconded by Commissioner Long, it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the Police Chaplain Policy.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made motion to adjourn at 7:50 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Fogarty. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jenna Caulfield, Chairperson

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