

**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Commissioner Tenesha Grant, at 5:00 P.M. in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. In attendance were Commissioner Jenna Caulfield, Commissioner Tenesha Grant, Commissioner Eric Lemke, Commissioner Michael Long, Chief Nicholas Boulter, and Deputy Chief Chris Davis. Absent was Chair Travis Schweizer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Lemke read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the commission on March 11, 2024.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. After a motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Caulfield it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting and March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting.

5. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report

i. None

b. Chief's Report

i. General

- **Personnel-** Officer Jarod Emirzian graduates the police on April 17 and will begin the department's field training and evaluation program immediately after graduation. Nick Lagonigro was hired last month in March and will be attending the police academy in late April. One of the department's officers is transferring to another department this week, leaving Simsbury Police Department with 3 vacancies. Later in the meeting there will be a recommended candidate introduced to fill one of those vacancies. If approved, they will attend the police academy in late April as well. There are currently 6 officers assigned to the patrol division that are out on extended leave. The hope is one of these officers will return to full duty in mid-April. There is one additional officer, not assigned to patrol, that has returned to from extended leave and is on modified duty.
- **Recent/upcoming events-** The week of April 14-20, is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The department looks forward to recognizing, celebrating and honoring Simsbury's public safety dispatchers for the outstanding service they provide to the community and to their co-workers. This is week 7 of the Citizens Police Academy. Attendees have been participating in ride-alongs and spending time in dispatch.
- **Grants-** The department recently applied for a federal grant to purchase and implement call handling software for our dispatch center. For almost 2 decades, a state mandate has required that we use a protocol called Emergency Medical Dispatch for all medical calls. It is designed to standardize questions and provide for a pre-planned response from police, ambulance and fire personnel to the necessary resources based on the medical need. For this entire time, the

department has used a flip card system, that gets us to the necessary resources. The police department wants to move to a computer-based call handling system that communicates with our existing dispatch and records management software. It is not only for medical related calls but it provides standardized and customized questions for some police and fire calls for service as well. The grant request was for \$70,000.00 and we will not likely hear back until the fall. The High Risk Rural Roads grant from DOT for speed enforcement started on March 11, 2024 and yielded 77 car stops for the month of March. This effort will continue through the end of May.

ii. Consolidated Monthly Report – February 2024

iii. Preliminary Monthly Activity Report – March 2024

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chief Boulter introduced Mario Maiorana to the Police Commission for the role of police officer and gave an overview on his education and work experience. Mario answered questions from the Commissioners.

The Police Commission moved to enter executive session at 5:26 P.M. to discuss the application of the police officer candidate. In attendance at executive session were Chair Travis Schweizer, Commissioner Jenna Caulfield, Commissioner Tenesha Grant, Commissioner Eric Lemke, Chief Nicholas Boulter, Deputy Chief Chris Davis and Jennifer Wellington.

Public Session reconvened at 5:36 P.M. and after a motion was made by Commissioner Lemke and seconded by Commissioner Caulfield it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the hiring of Mario Maiorana as a police officer, with a hire date no later than April 17, 2024.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Caulfield reminded the police commission that there is a public hearing on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm to discussion the proposed changes to the pension. The location is currently to be determined.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made a motion to adjourn at 5:38 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Caulfield. All were in favor and the motion passed.