

**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 8, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Schweizer read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the commission on April 17, 2023.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Special Meeting.

5. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report

- i. The Budget Referendum is being held on May 16, 2023. The police budget has the promotion of a sergeant, an additional officer, scheduling software, new tasers, and less lethal launchers.
- ii. The Chair participated in the Citizens Police Academy. This was a 10-session overview of the department.
- iii. The Chair received great feedback from someone who attended a yoga event with K9 Clifton.
- iv. Facility study- Chair has reached out to get a status updated but hasn't heard back.

b. Chief's Report

i. General

- **Personnel-** The department is still trying to fill two vacancies, 1 dispatcher and 1 police officer. There are interviews being conducted for both positions. Ofc. Sheahan is expected to complete his training and be available to work in a solo beat capacity by mid-late June. Ofc. Kenney is expected to complete his field training in August. Both officers are doing extremely well in their training to date.
- **Update on the Sergeants Promotional Process-** There were 7 applicants for the promotion. The written exam was held on April 28, 2023. The second portion of the process is the practical skills portion that will be held on May 19, 2023.
- **Recent/Upcoming Events-** This morning members from the department went to the Hartford Police Department to attend the send off ceremony for the Police Unity Tour. Ofc. Gronski, from the Simsbury Police Department, joined officers from around the region to begin their journey of bicycling from Hartford, CT and culminate in Washington, D.C to help honor the officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty over the years. The Citizens Police Academy held their graduation on May 4, 2023. A very nice ceremony was held to celebrate the

culmination of the 10-week program where the 12 participants learned about the agency and personnel. A donation was made to the police department in the amount of \$1500.00 from the LICO group in memory of Dan Girard who was very appreciative of the support the police department provided his company over the last 45-50 years. Dan's son and wife came to the police department to present the check and they wished that the money be spent in support of protective equipment for the police personnel.

ii. Consolidated Monthly Report – March 2023

iii. Preliminary Monthly Activity Report – April 2023

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. PRESENTATION

a. Overview of Department Participation in the North Central Regional Emergency Service Team

- i. Deputy Chief introduced Ofc. Denalsky. Ofc. Denalsky gave an overview of the North Central Regional Emergency Service Team, when and how it is utilized, and the benefits of being involved as in individual member and for the department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made a motion to adjourn at 5:57 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Grant. All were in favor and the motion passed.