

TOWN OF NORTHWOOD
POLICE COMMISSION
7/19/2022

Chairman John Schlang calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm at the town hall.

PRESENT: Chairman John Schlang, Commissioner Justin Miller, Commissioner Scott Bryer, Chief Glen Drolet, and Police Commission Administrator Linda Smith.

Minutes:

Motion is made by Commissioner Bryer, second by Commissioner Miller to approve the minutes of 6/14/2022 as written. Vote: 3/0.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Drolet reports the following statistics for June 2022:

Calls for Service	Arrests	Motor Vehicle Accidents	MV Warnings Issued	Motor Vehicle Summons	Business/Property Checks
354	13	7	111	12	391

Budget: Chief Drolet distributes the expenditure detail report. Currently there is 50.22% remaining in the department budget and 98.57% in the ACO budget.

Purchase Orders:

Chief Drolet distributes a purchase order for review and signature:

1. \$7200 for Annual Payment Tazer Lease Purchase

Cruisers: Chief Drolet is pleased to report that Car 1 is back in service, with graphics completed.

Building: Chief Drolet reports that he met with Selectman Kreider today regarding the new station. They discussed needs of the department and ideas for a new facility.

Personnel: Chief Drolet states there are two positions and the school resource position open. He has received two applications; neither is certified. He adds that he is looking into the idea of doing radio advertising through I Heart Media. He does not have any firm costs at this time to relay.

Correspondence: Chief Drolet reports that he continues to receive additional 91-A requests on the same pending matter.

Personnel:

Chief Drolet reports that he has 2 open positions and one open SRO position. He notes that he has received 4 new applications, all uncertified.

Chief Drolet states he has the information on the I Heart Media Radio Ads. He would like permission to proceed with radio advertising on WGIR and WHEB as follows: 24 thirty second ads in Manchester and 36 thirty second ads in Portsmouth for a total of 60 thirty

second ads. Chief Drolet states that he is not planning to purchase a cruiser this year due to the default budget and the need to absorb the increased gas prices in the budget. Commissioner Bryer asks if other towns are using this form of advertising. Chief Drolet says he is only aware of Sanford Maine doing radio ads. He adds that police officers typically listen to the radio when they are in their cruisers, and he is hoping this is a way to reach certified officers who may want to make a move from their current employment. Commissioner Miller asks how often the ads run. Chief Drolet responds 4 times a day, Monday-Friday and 3 times a day on Saturday and Sunday. Commissioner Bryer asks where the original ads were placed. Chief Drolet states the numerous locations that ads were placed. Commissioner Miller states he is favor of trying something new; “thinking outside the box” to reach potential candidates.

Motion is made by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bryer to authorize \$5420 for radio advertising, and to use funds originally planned for cruiser purchase. Vote:3/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chief Drolet reports that there was a stabbing at Lake Shore Farm Inn, the result of a domestic violence incident. He notes that he was on vacation at the time and Sargent Zobel was the officer in charge. He states he did an excellent job handling the incident. Chief Drolet adds that the other officers also did a great job with the investigation and had a suspect in custody within 24 hours. The investigation is ongoing with the potential for upgraded charges.
2. Chief Drolet states that he has done research on uniforms for the department for the future as previously the current uniforms are not longer being offered for sale. Chief Drolet describes the details of the style and type of uniform selected, with samples for the commissioners to view firsthand. One change is that there will be a vest over the shirt that holds the ballistic vest inside it. The cost is approximately half the cost of the current uniforms. He states he would like to pay for the initial purchase of the new uniforms from the equipment special reserve fund, rather than the operating budget. After further discussion, **a motion is made by Commissioner Bryer to approve the chief's recommended change to the uniforms, second by Commissioner Miller. Vote: 3/0.**
3. Animal Control Officer. Commissioner Miller asks about the ACO position. Chief Drolet explains the process of how calls are handled. He states that the officer responds and determines if it is necessary to have the ACO respond. He adds that assisting with the follow-up for unlicensed dogs is the task that takes the most time.

Motion to adjourn is accepted at 5:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Smith, Police Commission Administrator