

ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION

Commissioners Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Anthony Stenta, Joe Hafner

June 25, 2024 Police Commission Meeting
Rondout Municipal Center
3:30 p.m. Meeting called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Walsh

Present: Supervisor Walsh, Commissioner Stenta; Commissioner Hafner; Councilman Havranek, Chief Schaffrick

Absent: Community Liaison Terry Johnson; Community Liaison Richard Wright

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2024 meeting; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta; Roll Vote: 3 Yes

Chief's Report:

Correspondence: Chief Schaffrick stated that he received a letter from Hurley Fire Department thanking Officer Funccius who was at an automobile accident. Chief received a letter from Moylan Funeral Home in regards to everything that was done for his son's funeral. Chief had a letter for Officer Normann for his handling of an accident. Chief Schaffrick stated that he received a Governor's letter and Award for Officer Nick Lent from an incident in 2020. Chief Schaffrick stated that the Chief's Awards were in May and Officer Fagerstrom received 2 awards, one was for a gun and drug arrest and the other was for a Team Life Saving; Officer Vincent received a Life Saving Award, a Team Life Saving and a Meritorious Police Service; Sergeant Quigley received a Team Life Saving Award. Officer Vincent also received a Life Saving Award from the American Legion.

Personnel: Chief Schaffrick stated he conducted interviews a couple weeks back and had selected a local resident who decided that he was going to go to Olive Police Department. He had no other candidates to hire for Phase II right now and he is currently still looking to hire 1 more part time officer.

Vehicles: Chief Schaffrick stated he is looking to replace 362 near the end of this year; 363 will probably need to be replaced in 2025. Chief Schaffrick gave the Supervisor a quote from TASCAs in Kingston for a new vehicle for \$37,000, which is \$3,000.00 less than the last vehicle. Chief Schaffrick stated he is waiting to hear on electrical vehicle funding. Chief Schaffrick stated that the old 365 has been stripped down and cleaned up on the outside and the interior needs to be cleaned out.

Grants: Chief Schaffrick stated that the LiveScan grant has been closed out and waiting for the final check. He stated that the County has upgraded their server system and hopefully next week everything will be on-line. Chief Schaffrick put in for a grant in the sum of \$8,000.00 for new vests for officers and new hires. STOP DWI Grant awarded the Department another \$2,000 last month then we received another \$1,900.00. Chief Schaffrick stated that the total award is \$8,593 from Ulster County STOP DWI. Chief received the award notice for the Technology Grant through New York State in the amount of \$47,000.00, which will be used on the server in the building, lighting for new police vehicles and other items.

Training: Chief Schaffrick stated that all of the Officers attended the 3 day in-service training which included defensive tactics; Article 35, legal updates, firearms and mock scenarios. Chief stated that he and the Sergeants will be attending separately. Officer Normann and Officer Villalon attended STOP DWI Training; Officer Vincent went to an Instructor training for Taser through the college and she is a certified instructor.

Department STATS: Chief Schaffrick stated that year to date there have been 2,460 calls for service, which is a 16% increase over last year; 175 criminal cases, which is a 32% increase over last year; 93 arrests, which is a 44% increase over last year; 11 personal injury automobile accidents, which is 5 new since the March meeting; and 48 property damage automobile accidents, which is 22 new accidents since March.

Use of Force: Chief Schaffrick stated there have been 2 Use of Force which one was at the end of March and the other at the beginning of April. One was for a criminal contempt second incident and that incident has been reviewed and is in compliance with our policy and procedures. The second one was a vehicle and traffic stop and that incident has been reviewed and again is in compliance with our policy and procedures.

Accreditation: Chief Schaffrick stated that he said last time that we had a mock assessment done and we are continuing to work on it, and he filed for our formal assessment review and he requested to be evaluated in December. Chief Schaffrick described the process of the accreditation assessment and that a follow up is every 5 years. The Juvenile room was approved and camera system is recording.

New Business: Chief Schaffrick stated that CAP Court has started. We have used it and had no problems with it and State Police had 2 issues but the Chief thinks it was resolved. There was a brief discussion regarding CAP Court process. The Police Department has been covering Court Bailiff for Rosendale Court with 1 officer. Chief Schaffrick stated that the County and County Executive's Office has started a Safe Start to Summer program. As part of this program, the County purchased 20 speed signs and the Chief has 2 speed signs that he put up today. Chief Schaffrick had 2 speed reports from the speed trailer that was used on James Street and Main Street and a brief discussion was held. Chief Schaffrick stated that he will move the speed signs around Town. Chief stated that the first 2 weeks of July is the Safe Start to Summer program and the Chief stated that we are participating and he added a second officer to shifts. The officers are looking for speeding, aggressive driving and cell phone usage. Chief Schaffrick stated that the Operational Plan is complete for the Street Festival and he is waiting for response from New York State Office of Emergency Management for the radio system.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to go into Executive Session at 4:23 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta. Roll Vote: 3 Yes.

Executive Session ended at 4:45. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 4:46 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Hafner; Roll Vote: 3 Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman
Deputy Town Clerk