

ROSENDALE POLICE COMMISSION

Commissioners Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Anthony Stenta, Joe Hafner

October 15, 2024 Police Commission Meeting
Rondout Municipal Center
3:35 p.m. Meeting called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Walsh

Present: Supervisor Walsh, Commissioner Stenta; Councilman Havranek, Chief Schaffrick; Community Liaison Terry Johnson
Absent: Commissioner Hafner; Community Liaison Richard Wright

Supervisor Walsh asked for a moment of silence for Nina Postupack.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024 meeting; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta; Roll Vote: 2 Yes; Absent: Commissioner Hafner

Chief's Report:

Correspondence: Chief received a letter thanking Officer Vincent for installing a car seat.

Personnel: Chief had the resignation of Officer Funccius. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the resignation of Officer Funccius; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta. Roll Vote: 2 Yes; Absent: Commissioner Hafner. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the hiring of Officer Merrick; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta. Roll Vote: 2 Yes; Absent: Commissioner Hafner. Chief is waiting for the Civil Service list and is looking to hire a part-time officer for full time. Chief went to the academy to see who was available to hire, he had 2 days of interviews, and has 1 possible candidate to hire. Chief said the department can't secure part-time officers because they don't have availability or because everyone is going to full-time. Chief Schaffrick described the hiring process and the length it takes to conduct a background investigation and there was a brief discussion about the hiring and the academy. Chief Schaffrick had an audit done regarding background and reporting and he stated that our background checks are among the best that they have seen. Investigator Bell conducts the background investigations and it takes about 2 months to complete. Chief Schaffrick stated that he received 1 personnel complaint that was low-level for a traffic stop and that was investigated and that complaint was unfounded. Chief Schaffrick stated he received 1 personnel complaint this morning and is conducting an investigation. Chief will report about it at next meeting. Supervisor Walsh stated that the police contract is in place until the end of this year and that the contract has been signed and Memorandum of Agreement is in place and is waiting for the final contract. She stated that the officers have received their raises and back pay.

Vehicles: Chief Schaffrick stated that the Town is moving forward with a grant and the Police Department is getting an electric 2025 Chevy Blazer which is designed as a police patrol vehicle. Chief Schaffrick stated that the equipment such as the lights, siren, and radios are through a technology grant that the department has received and is a free of cost to the Town. Chief Schaffrick stated that this vehicle is replacing 7F362 which doesn't have a lot of mileage but is 12 years old. Chief Schaffrick stated that he may hold on to the vehicle as a back-up vehicle. Chief Schaffrick stated that the County has moved the AVL System to AT&T Fleet complete system and that the new system incorporates maintenance, tracking temperatures, fluids, oil changes, hard braking and turns and it is in all of our marked vehicles.

Grants: Chief Schaffrick stated that he can apply for the new body cameras grant. Chief Schaffrick stated that the new firewall was installed on the system yesterday and that was through grant money. There was a brief discussion about the firewall and server.

Department STATS: Chief Schaffrick stated that he does not have the STATS today because they are still working on server.

Chief Schaffrick stated that the department participated the Safe Start to Summer program and there were 158 vehicle stops and flyers were handed out. Chief Schaffrick stated that Officer Fagerstrom has been assigned to the 2 Speed Signs that are in town and he is notifying the County where the signs are located. Chief stated he is waiting for the County to send the data of the signs. Supervisor Walsh asked about Town's being able to lower speed rates and a brief discussion was held. Councilman Havranek asked if the Police Department gave parking and warning tickets for snow season and if they enforced parking laws. A brief discussion was had regarding parking and parking along Madeline Lane.

Training: Chief Schaffrick stated that the department has been busy with training. He stated that 3 officers went to a Street Encounters training which was thru the Ulster County Sheriff's Department. Chief Schaffrick stated that 10 officers attended the fall in-service training that was with the Kingston PD and Town of Ulster PD which included legal updates, juvenile cases and arrests, firearms, New York State domestic violence. The County offered Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) but the Chief did not have anyone attend but will look to send officers in the spring. At the end of October/beginning of November Chief Schaffrick is sending 6 officers to an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC). There was a brief discussion about trainings. Chief Schaffrick stated that last year he upgraded a few guns. He is looking to switch to the Red Dot system and described the process of training and accuracy. Chief stated that he is in the process of getting quotes. He is looking into trading in guns and getting a credit at the end of this year and receiving the new guns at the beginning of next year. Chief Schaffrick thinks that DCJS is going to be recommending changing to the Red Dot system in the future.

Chief Schaffrick stated that the department was awarded \$5,000.00 from Ulster County STOP DWI High Visibility and \$4,500 from regular Ulster County STOP DWI and it is through these grants that allows the department to put out extra patrols.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.; 2nd by Commissioner Stenta. Roll Vote: 2 Yes; Absent: Commissioner Hafner.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Dingman
Deputy Town Clerk