

Police Committee

City of Port Jervis, New York

September 21, 2017

Monthly Meeting Minutes

1830 hrs: Meeting Called to Order with the following members in attendance: Mr. Foster, Ms. Randazzo, Ms. Trovei, Ms. Mann, Ms. Hendry.

Updates, Discussions:

Opiate Town Hall Meeting sponsored by Times herald Record to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Port Jervis high School Cafeteria.

A press conference has been scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Council room by Orange County District Attorney David Hoovler to formally announce the purchase of licensing fees for the Reality Tour Drug Prevention Program with Operation PJ Pride.

The Chief discussed a request by DARE Officer Nicole McGowan to sponsor a fundraiser for the Port Jervis DARE Program consisting of a benefit 5k run. The committee requested the event be reviewed by Corporation Counsel to determine if the event should be sponsored by the Police Benevolent Association.

A discussion was held pertaining to selecting the crosswalk located at Hudson and West Main Street for enhanced lighted signage.

A discussion was held pertaining to fall budgetary purchases of equipment and a potential replacement of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala which was scheduled to be replaced in the Spring of 2018 but is experiencing substantial mechanical problems.

An update was provided pertaining to the status of an injured officer currently on Light Duty assignment.

The department is seeking to hire a part time police clerk-dispatcher to fill vacancies in the schedule. The committee discussed a potential candidate, a trained dispatcher from Village of Walden and Town of Wallkill Police Departments and transferred the matter to the Council for consideration.

The committee discussed the taxi cab license denial of a 47-year-old Rockhill, New York resident due to Port Jervis City Code restrictions that the candidate did not meet. The candidate has requested to meet with the police committee to appeal the denial. The individual was not available this date to appeal and will be directed to the next committee meeting in October.

A discussion was held pertaining to the impact of Centralized Court arraignments.

A discussion was held pertaining to reimbursable fees for events for police coverage.

The committee was apprised of the department's UTV which was damaged on patrol when it struck an unmarked utility pole guide wire. The UTV, a 2009 Polaris Ranger, which is the product of a SLETPP Grant, has been deemed too costly to repair and will be salvaged by insurance. The department is

seeking to utilize insurance proceeds and budgetary resources to replace the vehicle pending approval by Homeland Security. The police lieutenants have been charged with the investigation of this incident.

A study is currently being conducted at accident volumes located at the intersection of Front and Seward Avenue due to complaints from Councilman Siegel and residents. Officers have been deployed to monitor traffic at the intersection and enhanced line painting to include stop bars and blocked parking spaces have been implemented to improve visibility.

The Chief discussed the implications of a recent court of appeals decision pertaining to the form and content of parking tickets to meet the requirements of the criminal procedure law. The department is currently researching parking tickets and costs to meet these requirements and will request the council to authorize the emergency purchase as soon as the research is completed.

No public comment.

Committee moved into executive session at approximately 7:30pm to discuss police candidates and the hiring of two police officers. The committee adjourned executive session at approximately 8:30pm and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Worden

Chief of Police