

Police Committee

City of Port Jervis

October 18, 2018

Monthly Meeting

Members in Attendance: Mr. Foster, Ms. Mann, Ms. Randazo, Chief Worden

Meeting Opened at: 6:05pm

Comments from the Public:

Mr. Beasley from Rt. 42 Sparrowbush followed up with concerns of loud vehicles traveling through City of Port Jervis to Sparrowbush past his residence.

Mr. Beasley was provided with summons numbers issued as follows:

Loud Exhaust from Motor Vehicles

- 1 January 2017 – 17 October 2017- 38
- 1 January 2018 – 17 October 2018- 58

The committee discussed the current vehicle and traffic law pertaining to this issue and provided further information to Mr. Beasley to contact NYSP Greenville and Deerpark PD to assist with the problem directly near his residence in the Town of Deerpark.

Committee was notified of the passing of former crossing guard Charles Decker.

ACO Ewing- Rabies Clinic and Licensing Initiative -Feral Cat Initiative TNR Program- Presentation:

ACO Ewing and local TNR donor/volunteer Jill Wojtaszek briefed the committee of the importance of municipal led efforts to provide low cost vouchers to residents to support TNR programs in neighborhoods to reduce problems associated with feral cats. ACO Ewing and Ms. Wojtaszek requested the committee potentially allocated \$2500.00 in funding in the 2019 City budget to begin a TNR program providing \$25.00 to City residents to spay/neuter their outside cats and assist with trap-spay and neuter of feral cats in the City. Committee to review the potential of adding funds to the 2019 budget.

PTS-Step imitative 2017-8 Report to Council: the police traffic services program is designed to provided intelligence led uniformed patrol activities designed to target the cause of auto accidents and pedestrian injuries caused by automobiles in statistically crash prone locations during the times of day and day of the week that statistically contain the highest volume of crashes. The program is largely funded through a grant provided by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and supported through regular budgeted resources provided through the City of Port Jervis. The program operates from October 1 through September 30 each year targeted aggressive and distracted driving activities.

The program conducted from 2017-18 resulted in a 25% reduction in Personal Injury auto accidents, an 11 % reduction in property damage auto accidents. In addition, proactive policing and grant funding utilized through STOP DWI to target persons operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol resulted in a 50% increase in arrests this year as compared to the same period last year.

Permanent Patrol Officer Appointments:

Chief recommended permanent appointments of PO Stanley Buczek III and PO Mackenzie Decker from probationary police officers to permanent police officers. Each officer has completed their basic training, field training requirements and have demonstrated a high degree of skill, professionalism, and commitment to the law enforcement profession. Each officer is a fine public servant who continually excels as a proactive community oriented police officer that is attentive to duty, maintains a high degree of self-discipline and works diligently to strengthen police community partnerships and promote public safety in order to fulfill our mission to protect and serve our public. Recommended permanent appointment date 10-22-2018.

Det Decker Update: a physician has authorized Det. Decker to light duty status effective 10-22-2018.

Scott Jervis Taxi Cab Denial Appeal- Mr. Jervis addressed the committee regarding a denial of his taxi cab license due to convictions contrary to the provisions in the City code from 1988 and 1993. Mr. Jervis is a resident of the City and is seeking this position to provide full time income. Committee to move the appeal to the Common Council for a recommended waiver.

Crime Review

Crime statistics for the month of September 2018, year to date and comparisons to 2017 were provided. Part I Crimes down 275, Part II crimes down 31%.

Key reductions: Domestic Incidents, auto accidents, aggravated assaults, larcenies and controlled substance related offenses.

Staffing Update Provided in the following staffing areas:

- School Policing Unit- Deepark and Port Jervis officers have been provided coverage of all schools with no vacancies to date. The program has been well received by students, staff and the public and is an example of the public value resulting from inter-municipal cooperation and shared services.
- Detective Unit- Det Mioglionico scheduled to begin duties on 29 October.
- Patrol unit- two recruits began basic training on October 9th. Two certified officers have begun field training for previous service police officers and will tentatively complete their basic field training activities within 4-8 weeks.
- Supervisory Staff- The civil service list for police sergeant is currently being canvassed for interviews and a promotion of a patrol officer to fill the remaining sergeant's vacancy during the month of November.

FTO Training- Officers Peter Washalski, Thomas Kimiecik and Patrick Kerr are participating in the 32 hour NYS Basic Course for Police Field Training Officers certification program.

Firearms Training- Officer Kyle Mitchell is currently attending the 80 hour NYS Firearms Instructor Training Certification Course currently being sponsored by the Police Chief's Academy of Orange County at the Port Jervis Firearms Range and the Town of Deerpark Police Dept. Training Room.

Officer Nicole McGowan has started the 2018 Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program for 5th Grade students at Anna S. Kuhl Elementary School.

Officer McGowan will begin teaching the Too Good for Drugs and Violence Program to Port Jervis Middle School eight grade students later this year.

Det Curreri is currently planning Halloween Safety training for area pre-schools and elementary school students. Increase Halloween Safety patrols will be scheduled for the upcoming City-Wide festivities.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Worden

Chief of Police