

Police Committee

City of Port Jervis

20 December 2018

Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1800 hrs. with the following members presents: Mr. Foster, Ms. Mann, Ms. Randazzo, Ms. Trovei and Chief Worden

Public Comment:

Ms. Judith Oppelt and Mr. Richard Oppelt briefed the committee pertaining to animal control related problems on Wagner Place involving a dog repeatedly defecating on neighboring property. Discussed potential solutions with Ms. Oppelt to her situation.

In addition, Mr. Oppelt, who is a member of PJFD Engine 6, reported a harassment form a subject sending messages to the fire house' s Facebook account. Mr. Oppelt was directed to the company Captain to address.

General Report:

The department is researching the purchase of graveside flag holders and police flags for retired members of service who are deceased. The markers are a metal cast that depicts a police shield and personalized "Port Jervis Police Department" insignia. The department will purchase the markers and PBA members will research grave site locations and place the flags and holders on retirees' graves to coincide with police week.

Reviewed a new purchase policy requiring mayoral approval for purchases exceeding \$1,000.00.

Reviewed the challenges the officers face in performance their duties with regard to the lack of space in the police department and the fragmented nature of the department separating the Juvenile Aid Bureau, Detective Bureau and main police headquarters due to space constraints. The Raise the Age legislation has crated further challenges in terms of processing and holding of adolescent offenders in non-adult holding areas. Committee to review potential space options in 2019 to address department needs.

Department has enacted revised policy and procedures to assist officers in addressing mental health related calls for service using increased crisis intervention techniques. Several officers have received advanced crisis intervention training and additional training is planned for 2019.

The department is researching potential grant opportunities with the assistance of the Orange County Sheriff's Department to study the feasibility to acquire an explosive detection canine.

The second annual Police and Fire Department escort of Santa Claus is scheduled for this Saturday from 11am-3pm.

A review was conducted of a recent arrest and the costs and challenges experienced resulting from Raise the Age change in legislation. The department may potentially be eligible for a reimbursement for certain costs incurred from this arrest.

A review of the November vital police statistics report was conducted by the police chief.

An update was provided pertaining to the school police unit and the following areas: City costs pertaining to hiring and deploying school officers, and the value provided by school officers directly involved in the recent bomb threats received at local schools.

The department is currently issuing high visibility jackets to all plain clothes officers (detectives, administration) to ensure they have proper equipment to identify themselves during a critical incident while wearing civilian clothing, uniformity and improve officer safety.

Camera Project update: Linstar has completed installation of camera equipment at all existing camera sites and receiving sites. The cameras should be on-line after the new year when the inspection and testing process is completed.

The Reality Tour drug abuse prevention program is scheduled for January 17th at 6pm at City Hall.

The committee reviewed a request by a resident for a handicapped parking sign to be installed in front of 151 Ball Street to reserve parking in front of the resident's home. The committee did not act currently to grant this request. Further research will be required.

The committee reviewed a request to remove parking in the vicinity of 21 Hornbeck Avenue. Due to limited parking conditions existing on the street, no action was taken at this time to remove this space.

Meeting was adjourned at 2000hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Worden

Chief of Police