

Police Committee

City of Port Jervis

24 January 2019

Monthly Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:12pm with the following members in attendance: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Randazzo, Mrs. Mann, Chief Worden.

Taxi Cab License Appeals

Mr Philip Assisi addressed the committee and submitted a formal appeal to approve a taxi license to drive a taxi in the City of Port Jervis. Mr. Assisi's license application was denied pursuant to the City Code provision prohibiting the issuance of a license to an applicant with a felony conviction. Mr. Assisi advised the committee the felony conviction was for a non-violent offense over twenty years ago. Application was in order.

Committee authorized the Police Department to waive the requirement and issue the license.

Mr. Carl Stempert addressed the committee and submitted an appeal to approve a taxi license to drive a taxi cab in the City of Port Jervis. The license was denied pursuant to City Code provisions. Mr. Stempert possessed a felony conviction for a crime that he was convicted of over twenty years ago. A review of the application revealed incomplete medical information. Committee tabled the matter pending further review of the application by police department and corporation counsel as the application was incomplete.

Firearms Training Simulator Update- The department is working with Deerpark PD, Eastern Pike Regional PD and DV School Police with demonstrations of Fire Arms Simulator technology designed to provide enhanced training in de-escalation and use of force using real life scenario based training activities. The goal is to jointly purchase the technology as a shared training service.

Camera Project update and Phase II

- Phase I of the camera project is approximately 90% complete with all infrastructure installed at the pole locations replacing the initial network. The cameras are currently being connected to headquarters with final testing.
- Phase II of the project is currently being planned to potentially add cameras at Front Street, Jersey Avenue/Main, Ball / Seward, Culvert/Kingston Avenue, Hammond/Sussex St with an implementation time line of May 2019.

Review of potential hiring for the vacant Administrative assistant position in the police department.

Reviewed Winter Schedule for Training Activities

- Taser Recertification's
- Spike Strip Deployments
- School Police General In-service
- Mental Health Awareness
- Evoc-Pursuits
- On-Line Use of Force

- On Line Compliance training
- Crime Scene Training for Detectives
- Use of Force and De- Escalation for Supervisors and Officers-
Mount Hope-
- Oriskany- Police Training Opportunities

Performance Evaluations for ACO, Crossing Guard, Matrons, Command officers are currently being conducted.

Review of Capital Note Items that will be requested in the 2019 Capital Note for the finance committee.

Discussed the Vehicle Purchasing Plan for 2020- Funding should be approved and available by January for the ordering of cars.

Marijuana Legalization- Impact on Canine usage and deployments.

Det Mike Decker has been approved to full duty

Officer Roger Morgan Retirement from service on 1/25/2019.

Review of Critical Incident that occurred on December 31, 2018 on Barclay Street- Officer Commendations regarding de-escalation of a homicidal/suicidal subject who officers safety took into custody for mental health evaluation.

The department is currently drafting a Social Media Policy and a revised Vehicle Pursuit and Vehicle Operations Policy

Review of Yearly Stats was conducted including reductions in Part I and Part II offenses from 2017.

The department will be participating in the Point In Time Count with Honor EMG to provide a census and service to area homeless individuals and families.

Annual Reports are being drafted by the department for 2018.

Informational handouts and a discussion was held pertaining to the potential impact of the Governor's proposed criminal justice reform plan.

Records Management Upgrade will occur in February.

Police Committee toured the police department facility and reviewed recent facility upgrade and discussed space challenges.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Worden

Chief of Police