

Police Committee

City of Port Jervis

New York

February Meeting Minutes

27 February 2019

Note: Police Committee Meeting held in a joint session with the Finance Committee.

Police Portion of the Meeting was called to order at 1955 hours with the following members in attendance:

Ms. Randazzo, Mayor Decker, Mr. Foster, Ms. Mann, Ms. Trovei, Mr. Santini.

2019 Capital Note requests for the police department were reviewed by both the finance and police committees.

An update was provided regarding the drafting of a social media policy for the police department. The policy is currently being impact bargained with NYSUPA.

Statistics were provided at the request of Councilperson Foster regarding muffler and loud exhaust enforcement: in 2017, 43 citations were issues. In 2018, 91 citations were issued. 26 citations were issued in 2019 year to date.

Officer Santini and Lt. Fitzpatrick are conducting Spring Taxi inspections and licensing compliance.

Taxi Cab Appeal: Follow-up- Appeal of Mr. Stempert- The department is awaiting updated information from Mr. Stempert regarding his taxi license application which will then be forwarded to Corporation Counsel.

Traffic Safety Awards Program Review for 2018: Officer Ryan Kievit- TOP Cop DWI Award and Gold Traffic Safety Award, Silver Traffic Safety Award Detective Daniel Mioglionico, Bronze Traffic Safety Award Officer Andrew Dillinger, Honorable Mention First Officer Mackenzie Decker, Honorable Mention Second Officer Kyle Mitchell.

The annual awards committee review will be meeting in March to determine department awards for 2018. A full report will be provided for the Common Council.

West Point Military Police Officers have requested a potential ride-along program with Port Jervis Police Officers. The Chief will gather information and report back to the council pertaining this excellent training partnership.

All Personnel are currently participating in a four-hour block of Mental Health Awareness Training, Officer Wellness and Crisis Intervention. Orange County Mental Health is providing the training to the department as part of the department efforts to expand police intervention and enhanced services to persons suffering from mental illness.

Officers participated in de-escalation training and mental health awareness (2-hour block) provided by Mr. Eric Daigel, Esq, a renowned expert in the field. This training was cosponsored with the Town of Mount Hope Police Department.

Police Supervisors and the Chief attended a seven-hour training session for managing force, and de-escalation training for police officers and improved responses to mental health provided by the Daigel Law Firm at the Orange County Emergency Services Building.

Glock Armorers Certification Training (8 hours) was completed by three officers to provide expertise in maintaining the Department's firearms.

Officer Kyle Mitchell is currently attending the NYS Instructor Development School- 80 hours.

Four Sergeants are scheduled to attend an 8-hour management and supervisory training.

Disp. Emily Lanzo is currently participating in dispatcher operations training provided by the Orange County 911 center.

The Chief reviewed a trap/spay and neuter program request regarding the establishment of a voucher system to off-set the costs of public spaying/neutering of feral cats. The cost of a typical low-cost procedure is \$60.00 and a \$25.00 voucher would be offered to off-set these costs. Further committee discussion will follow in March 2019.

Sgt. Card and Sgt Eagan are scheduled to attend the state mandatory course in police supervision (120 hours total in length, at the Orange County Police Academy.

The department is planning to conduct a series of school drills with teaching staff during an upcoming in-service day at the Port Jervis City School District.

An update was provided regarding an injury to a police recruit and a hand injury sustained by an officer during an arrest.

An updated was provided regarding a crossing guard who was ill.

Recruit Graduation- March 15, 2019 at 10am at the Paramount Theater

The department is developing a 2020 vehicle replacement plan: the department is tentatively reviewing the replacement of 4-5 vehicles.

The department is preparing for a workplace violence prevention review of department facilities.

The department is reviewing an application from a Town of Deerpark Police Officer to work part time as a school police officer.

A review of Part I Crimes for 2018 and a historical comparison since 1980 was provided for the committee. Part I crimes are the most serious offenses categorized by the FBI and were recorded at the lowest levels in 2018 as compared to recorded part I offenses since 1980. The chief credits a variety of factors for this success to include community policing, outreach, enhanced partnerships, proactive staffing, supervision and patrol and investigative deployments, problem solving policing, intelligence led policing, proactive officers committed to the community and a high level of training.

A review of the administrative assistant and vacant full time police officer selection process was conducted. A special meeting will be requested for March 14 at 6:15pm to review candidates.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Worden

Chief of Police