

Police Committee Minutes (September)
September 24, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 1804 hrs with the following in attendance: Ms. Randazzo, Mr. Foster, Ms. Trovei, Ms. Mann, Chief Worden.

Public Comment: Mr. Beazely addressed the committee regarding complaints of noise on Tow Path Road /Canal Street. He additionally inquired about sexual harassment training, asked what unions represented city employees and how patrol cars were deployed in zones to combat noise from motor vehicle traveling through the City and into Deerpark via Route 42.

Updates:

Criminal Justice Reforms preparations continue including Central Arraignment Courts.

A speed study was conducted on Orange Street (NB) near the intersection with Crawford Street. The 85th percentile of speed recorded was 27 mph indicating compliance with the current 30 mph speed limit. Studies will be conducted throughout the city over the next four to five months. Ms. Mann requested a study be conducted on Front Street in the business district to determine the speed condition and asked for increased foot patrols. Ms. Mann cited recent incidents involving bicycles and skateboards operating on sidewalks unsafely.

A Jump Out Community Policing Event is scheduled for October 18th at 6:30pm at the Youth Center. Police Officers and members of PJ Pride will partner with the Recreation Department to provide interactive fun and games to enhance outreach and relations with our youth.

4-way stop intersection at Ball and Church Street has been ordered through DPW for installation. Erie Street and Franklin Street are currently under review.

A report of planned department activities for the fall was presented. Firearms Training, Compliance Training (sexual harassment, workplace violence, bloodborne pathogens), "Street Cop" Training, Instructor Development and Field Training Officer Training courses are being offered to police officers.

Telephone System Upgrade: The Department's emergency phone line system is currently being upgraded from the aging Centrex system through frontier to newer technology that will enable communications to effectively record and retrieve emergency calls. The upgrade is funded through the capital note and regular budget.

A garage door is currently being installed by DPW at the Department's Car Port. DPW is enclosing the building with the garage door and a steel door to better safeguard storage and potential evidence (large items) for future cases.

Senior Safety Lectures: Department is working with Ms. Woodhall at Mackackemach Village Apartments to provide a series of senior safety lectures to residents regarding fraud.

Department is sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Seminar with the National Guard on October 3rd.

Vehicle Plan- The committee reviewed the vehicle plan for patrol car replacements scheduled in 2020 and discussed the increased costs submitted. Patrols cars have not been purchased since 2017 and the average patrol car has increased in cost by approximately 10,000 since 2017. After discussing costs and needs, the committee decided to remove the patrol pick-up truck request from the plan to be resubmitted to finance for consideration.

At 1910 hrs., the committee moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Police Department expansion and DMV contract.
- Accrued leave time in police department.

Executive session was concluded at 1944 hrs.

No further business.

Meeting closed at 1945 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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