

**MADISON DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
5:30 PM
COMMUNITY TRAINING ROOM-MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT
June 8, 2023
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

Attendees: Chairman Ed Dowling; Commissioner Marietta Lee; Commissioner Ann Rumberger; Commissioner Thom Cartledge.

Also Present: Chief Jack Drumm; . Al Goldberg-Board of Selectmen liaison.

Absent: Commissioner Judith Hession; Jean Fitzgerald-Board of Finance liaison

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE – MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Rumberger, second by Cartledge to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2023 Special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Budget/Financial Report: Chief Drumm provided an update on the budget. We are entering the fiscal year with two vacancies and Detective DeGoursey will retire in August. Three recruits will graduate from New Haven Academy in three weeks and start the FTO program.

Training Report: Chief Drumm provided the training update. The Department participated in a total of 176 training hours. Training consisted of Anti-Bias for Law Enforcement, Department Annual Firearms, POST Physical Fitness Certified Instructor, Critical Incident Department Policy Review, COLLECT?NCIC Recertification and SCCTU (SWAT) training.

Some changes to gun law as of July 1, 2023, including no more open carry.

Traffic Report: : Chief Drumm provided the traffic update. There were 22 MVA with four involving injuries. The leading cause of the MVA involved following too closely and unsafe movements. There were zero DUI's and zero fatal accidents. There were six reported private property accidents and two assists to the Connecticut State Police on I-95.

Cameras in intersections are gaining momentum; House voted favorably; will leave It up to local traffic authority to install.

Community Calendar: Chief Drumm provided the calendar update . The Memorial Day Parade was held without any incidents. The Bike Rodeo will be held on June 24th. The Fourth of July festivities include the Concert on the Green on July 1 with July 6 as the rain date, Fireworks July 2 with July 7 as the rain date, and the Parade on July 4. The Madison Rotary Carnival will be held July 12-15.

We are in the fourth week of the Senior Academy.

Chief thanked Commissioner Cartledge for purchasing 911 Challenge Coins for the staff.

Regional Shared Services: Chief Drumm provided the update. We are waiting for the Collective Bargaining to resolve before discussing regional dispatch.

Traffic Issues: Commissioner Cartledge mentioned some neighbors called to say thank you for the stop sign on Britton Lane.

Chief Drumm stated on Birnbaum Lane, parking will only be until 7:00 pm, unless you are a Madison resident. This is a good policy south of Route 1. Working on cross walks for West Wharf and Rt. 1, and by Salt Meadow Park/ Dunkin Donuts/Cohen's Bagels. There will be strobe light signs to warn drivers of the cross walks.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Drumm reported the three new officers are doing great. Three additional officers will graduate from the New Haven Academy on June 30.

Chairman Dowling asked which shift the new officers would work. Chief responded during the summer months they will be on days and evenings in order to meet people; midnight shift is slower. No more than two new officers per shift.

Chief Drumm reported he spoke at AAA conference the first week of June in Florida with great success, will speak at UConn on June 20, and the end of the month in Michigan.

Motorcycle: Chairman Dowling reported this is the fourth year with the bike and it has been a resounding success interacting with the public. We have one bike and one bike rider, leaving 2 or 3 days unused depending on the schedule. How do we get another officer to ride the current bike? Would consider a second bike if it could get used 7 days a week. Chief Drumm noted Harley Davidson has week long training program. Chief would like to see application of second bike in the evenings in the summer months, preferably south of I 95.

The Chief reported the electric car should be here any day. A charging station behind the PD building will be installed. It will be committed to the SRO program with the same officers assigned to it.

SRO's: The Superintendent interviewed three officers, Gonzalez, Welz and current SRO for upcoming school year, starting in August. The two part-timers will become full-time as BOE employees.

Hiring Position: Chief Drumm noted the Department offered full-time officer positions to two people. White male withdrew his application; Hispanic female accepted. Very difficult hiring situation because only eight people passed the South-Central Entrance Exam.

Chairman Dowling suggested that as we go through the budget process we add an agenda item. Are there long-term investments we should be making to assist in the hiring process. i.e. sign on bonuses? Lt. Yorke has been effective as an on-campus recruiter.

Chief Drumm reported that Lt. Yorke has applied to the FBI National Academy Program and thinks they will accept him. This is a 10-week program in Quantico, VA that creates effective leaders.

Correspondence: Chief Drumm noted most of the correspondence were phone calls.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: BOS liaison Al Goldberg stated the Town is engaged in a strategic planning process with the public attending forums. The theme that is recurring for the future of Madison is that residents want to feel safe. He further noted that the Academy conversion to a Community Center is slated to open mid to late 2025. Architect is presenting traffic flow patterns and parking. Goldberg suggested the BOPC should get involved early Chief Drumm stated that he has already spoken with the architect.

Commissioner Cartledge thanked the Chief, Captain Harkins and Lieutenant Yorke for finding cops to come to Madison; extraordinary difficult task during these trying times.

Chief Drumm noted that Sergeant Rosati was also involved in this process.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Cartledge , second by Rumberger. All in favor; none opposed. So moved. Meeting adjourned by 6:34 p.m.