

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2024

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:45 PM and leads with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Patrick Bergeron, Police Commissioner, Joseph Rossino, Commissioner, Chief Pelton, Lt. Chabot, and Lillian Deeb.

Also Present: Neighborhood Watch Leader, Steve Grange

D. Dion - motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). **J. Rossino** – seconds and polled the members having received the affirmative from all. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Grange leaves the meeting.

D. Dion – at 6:58 pm reconvenes public meeting and Mr. Grange returns to the public meeting.

D. Dion – motions to seal the minutes of the non-public session. **J. Rossino** – seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

REVIEW MINUTES

P. Bergeron – motion to accept Public Minutes of January 2, 2024, as presented. **J. Rossino** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief – relays what transpired at the Deliberate Session, commenting on the department’s budget and union contract was added to the ballot. He mentions town voting on March 12th. He mentions the firearms training for part-time officers will be coming up as the purchase has been made for the remaining firearms for part-time officers. He mentions the upcoming Legal Law updates with the prosecutor is this month. He also mentions the annual Awards night scheduled in March and mentions invitations will be going out and mentions joint effort with FD. He mentions cruiser update and budget is later in presentation.

LIEUTENANT’S REPORT

Lt. Chabot – comments on the 860 calls for service, mentioning the 8 arrests ranging from DUI, Domestic Violence to MV arrests. He further mentions the 21 investigative reports and 118 MV stops. **P. Bergeron** – mentions 21 slightly higher than other months. **Lt. Chabot** – comments on the variety of calls this includes. **Chief** – mentions computer and banking hacking remains an issue.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

S. Grange – mentions he and Melissa continue to work on new notification system for NW members, commenting they have met a few times brainstorming and Melissa has tried a few free options. He further mentions Melissa sent an email he didn't receive as a test. **Lt. Chabot** mentions PD internet was down today. **D. Dion** – comments other municipalities must have options. **Chief** – mentions with NW numbers may need to look to a commercial notification and pay which is not an issue within reason. **P. Bergeron** – suggests looking in Mailchimp as a free option. **S. Grange** – mentions he thought that option was explored. **L. Deeb** – mentions she thought previous leaders had investigated this option and was not sure why didn't use it. **S. Grange** – mentions continuing to look at more options. **D. Dion** – asks if calls for suspicious activity calls still come in. **Chief** – confirms residents continue to call in.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief – reminds commission the cruiser was purchased and comments on the back log of car set ups the company used has siting a delay and mentions the other cruiser is sighted for delivery in April but still in good spot.

D. Dion – mentions the budget expense sheet is a little different set up. **L. Deeb** – explains until the 2024 budget is voted on, figures won't be entered until approved by voters and this was a format to be able to provide commissioner with the budget expenditure for 2024. **Chief** – mentions the finance director continues to be super helpful providing Lil information and assisting with setting up tracking sheets for overtime and payroll.

D. Dion – asks how the storage garage works for the department. **Chief** – mentions it is beneficial keeping MC and four-wheeler out of weather.

NEW BUSINESS

P. Bergeron -motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Sgt. Kevin Cashman, award him a step increase from Sergeant Step 7 to Step 8. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron - motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Full-time Officer Jeff Blurton, award him a step increase from Full-time Officer Step 4 to Step 5. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron -motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Full-time Officer, Trevor Gardner, award him a step increase from Full-time Step 4 to Step 5. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

D. Dion – asked how Officer Gardner is doing with K9. Chief – mentions the pursuit Gardner participated in with, mentioning the dog was deployed but the subject surrender. He further Gardner is very active, especially working the night shift.

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7: 11 PM. **J. Rossino** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:11 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.