

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 26, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall
Conference Room #1

Chairman David Monz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman David Monz, Commissioners Alden Mead, Robin Wilson and Marc Calafiore. Also present Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Kevin Glenn.

Absent: Vice Chairman Larry Lazaroff

Chairman Monz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 Special Meeting. Commissioner Mead made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Monz asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for January 2019. The motion to accept the reports was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

Secretary Wilson reported there was no correspondence received this month.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Monz stated that he attended the Police budget workshop held recently and thanked Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Glenn for putting together the budget for FY 2019/2020 with minimal increase. Chairman Monz thanked them for their hard work and fiscal constraint.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

Chief McLoughlin reported that he received no scholarship requests this month.

Chief's Report

Chief McLoughlin gave a continuing reminder to all residents to lock their vehicles at night. Chief McLoughlin reported that only five overnight vehicle entries were reported last month, all of which were left unlocked. These are crimes of opportunity and can/may be avoided by simply locking your vehicles.

Chief McLoughlin reported that telephone and internet scams continue. He reminds everyone that Government agencies and large companies will not call you and ask for personal/financial information or monetary payments. Chief McLoughlin stated to simply hang up the phone and do not respond to suspicious emails. Chief McLoughlin advises residents to call the department if you have any problems with these types of scams.

Budget

Chief McLoughlin reported that the budget is trending approximately 2% under right now and is positioned well for being the ninth month of the budget year.

Chief McLoughlin reported that overall the budget workshop held last week went well. He added that the slight increase on the departments operating budget was less than half of one percent. Chief stated that the Police CBA expires on June 30, and he is not sure how that will impact the next year's budget.

Chief McLoughlin then discussed his request for three new police vehicles for the next fiscal year. He explained that the need is critical. The current fleet has gotten very old and overall the 15 cruisers in the department now, excluding the two new 2019's, have 1.1 million miles combined and an average of 73 thousand miles per car, limiting the department to two new cruisers is not cutting it anymore.

Chief McLoughlin stated that he felt it was a conservative and fair request to ask for three new cruisers.

Uniform Services/ Investigative Services:

Chief McLoughlin reported there was one overdose last month. Police officers successfully administered Narcan. The subject was then transported to the hospital.

Chief reported there has been a slight increase in nighttime commercial burglaries and vehicle burglaries have decreased significantly.

Traffic/Support Services

A signage request was received from a resident asking for signage on Rimmon Road to indicate a "curve ahead" on the northbound side of the road. Sergeant DePascale conducted a traffic study at the location and completed a detailed report of his findings along with photographs of the area. Chief McLoughlin stated that although accident history at this location is not significant the road has dips and curves and he feels it would be appropriate to put some type of "S curve" sign in said area.

After some discussion, Chairman Monz asked for a motion to accept Sergeant DePascale's report and move forward to add proper signage. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to install an applicable sign indicating a curve ahead. The motion was seconded by Secretary Wilson. There was no further discussion, all were in favor.

Chairman Monz thanked Sergeant DePascale for his thorough report regarding the request and stated the included pictures were very helpful to determine the need for signage.

Chief McLoughlin reported the two recruits are doing well at the academy.

Brandon Burke will graduate at the end of March.

Chief McLoughlin explained that these recruits are replacements due to positions created from recent retirements over the past year.

Chief McLoughlin stated Officer Mateo will start at the police academy in April.

Building Project Update

Chief McLoughlin reported the building project is moving along at a good pace.

The new monopole/antenna will be erected on March 5th replacing the forty year old antenna on the former police building. Chief explained it may look a little awkward or out of place at first but it is newer technology and will fit nicely with the design of the new building.

Chief McLoughlin said the anticipated date to move back in is sometime in July.

With nothing further, Chairman Monz asked for a motion to adjourn for the purpose of moving to Executive session. The motion was made by Commissioner Mead, and seconded by Secretary Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 7:18 p.m.

At 7:32 p.m. the Board returned to regular session for the purpose of adjournment. Chairman Monz asked for a motion to adjourn, the motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore, and seconded by Secretary Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Wilson, Secretary