

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 7B, the in-person open meeting requirements for a public agency have been suspended. As a result, the Public Commission will conduct a public meeting remotely using video/audio conference technology in real time.

Commissioners Present: Marianne Coffin, Chairperson
Via Zoom George Kain, Secretary
Nicholas Perna
John Frey

**Absent from Meeting-
Joined in Executive
Session** Issy Caporale

Also Present: Chief Jeff Kreitz
Via Zoom Major Stephen Brown

These minutes are an overview of the meeting; not a verbatim text.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm by Chairperson Coffin. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Coffin requested a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Perna made the motion and Commissioner Kain seconded the motion.

Chairperson Coffin requested a motion to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Police Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Perna made the motion and Commissioner Kain seconded the motion.

Chairperson Coffin requested a motion to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2021 Police Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Perna made the motion and Commissioner Kain seconded the motion.

All in favor

2. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE**A. Voicemail**

Commissioner Kain reported he received one voicemail requesting information about replacing a resigning Commissioner.

B. Written Correspondence

One written correspondence was received pertaining to the resigning Commissioner position. Chief Kreitz stated he will check into establishing email for the Commissioners.

3. NEW BUSINESS**A. Tattoo Policy Discussion**

The Tattoo Policy had been tabled from the March 11, 2021 Police Commission Meeting. One minor change was made to the policy. Commissioner Kain made a motion to accept the policy as written and amended. Commissioner Perna seconded the motion.

All in favor

4. OLD BUSINESS**A. New Building Feasibility Study**

Chief Kreitz reported the GEO Technical Analysis is being performed at the Old Quarry Road Site.

5. CHIEF'S REPORT**A. Department Stats**

Chief Kreitz reported the total incidents for the month of March were 1,111. Since January the number of incidents have increased by about 100 each month. He noted that there were no reports of stolen vehicles or larcenies from a motor vehicle. He stated the community is doing a great job locking their vehicles and added that our patrol units are out and visible. This time last year there were 4 reported stolen vehicles.

Chief Kreitz mentioned a few upcoming events for the Police Department to include mandatory wellness checks to comply with new legislation, a drive thru drug take back and Coffee with a Cop. He stated that we are planning the Police Memorial Ceremony for the end of May.

B. Traffic/Sign Report

The Highway Department fixed a couple signs that were damaged.

C. Training/PR Report

The following report was submitted by Capt. Shawn Platt, Division of Professional Standards.

**Ridgefield Police Department
Training & Community Policing/Public Relations Report
March 2021**

Training Attended:

March 18 & 19: Sgt. Murray, PO Luis, PO Gjodesen, PO Capozzi, and PO Daly attended Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Recert Training held at HQ presented by Lt. Smith.

Virtual Training attended:

March 2 & 9: PO Olivares attended Crisis Intervention Team training presented by C.A.B.L.E. (virtually).

March 31: Lt. Raines attended Crowd Event Operations training presented by Crowd Operations Dynamix (virtually).

A total of 11 Public Relations were performed during the month(s) to include:

- Det. Ryan presented a virtual Computer Fraud/Scam presentation hosted by the Ridgefield Prevention Council.
- Various talks with downtown shop owners and community members at large.
- Off. Caba & Off. McMahon conducted Safety Talks with Jesse Lee Day School Students.
- Continued stop and talks at houses of worship.
- Multiple Social Media posts of Police Activities & Safety Messages.

6. UNION PARTICIPATION

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chairman Perna made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:38pm to discuss Employee Performance. Commissioner Kain seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 6:16pm. No votes were taken.

Commissioner Perna made a motion to adjourn to Police Commission Meeting at 6:17pm. Commissioner Kain seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

George Kain
Police Commission Secretary