

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:00p.m.
Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street**

Anyone requiring special accommodations due to disability is asked to contact Headquarters at 438-6531 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Commissioners Present: John Frey, Chairman
Marianne Coffin
Issy Caporale, Secretary
Sharon Dornfeld
Ralph Money

Also Present: Chief Jeff Kreitz
Major Shawn Platt

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Frey.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Frey requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022 Commission Meeting and the August 16, 2022 meetings. Commissioner Coffin made a motion and Commissioner Dornfeld seconded the motion the July 27, 2022 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Dornfeld made a motion and Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion to approve the August 16, 2022 Commission Meeting.

All in Favor

Minutes of July 27, 2022 Commission Meeting and the August 16, 2022 Commission Meeting are accepted as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Concerned Citizens - Construction / Traffic Safety

Jacob Bahar explained he has concerns about construction companies working in town and the police officers who work these road jobs. Stating he feels this is a conflict of interest. He questioned the heavy traffic due to the Main Street construction. He

mentioned that he has other concerns, which he declined to elaborate on at this time. Mr. Bahar was encouraged to notify the Police Commission with any concerns he may have.

2. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail

Commissioner Caporale stated that a concerned citizen had left a message regarding a neighbor dispute. The caller was happy with the officer's response, but still has concerns. Commissioner Caporale will follow up.

B. Written Correspondence

Two highway use permits were signed by Chairman Frey-
-Halloween Walk
-Half Marathon

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Concerned Citizens – Crosswalk/Traffic Safety

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Building – Update

Rudy Marconi, Chief Kreitz, Chief Meyers, Major Platt, Asst. Fire Chief Grasso, Jake Muller, and the original site engineer met on site to discuss the buildings positioning on the site.

B. Barry Avenue Crosswalk

Chief Kreitz spoke about having the CT DOT look at the intersection of Barry Avenue and High Ridge Avenue to have crosswalks installed. A resident contacted the police department and requested that we look at the intersection. Chief Kreitz stated that he would recommend having the CT DOT look at this intersection for crosswalk installation for a variety of reasons to include its' proximity to the St. Mary School.

Commissioner Money made a motion to have the DOT look into the installation of a crosswalk across Barry Avenue and also across High Ridge Avenue. Commissioner Coffin seconded the motion. All in favor.

C. Consolidated Dispatch

Chief Kreitz explained that we have met with RFD personnel regarding the transition.

5. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Traffic/Sign Report

Sgt. Caswell's report was discussed under old business, Barry Ave. Crosswalk

B. Training/PR Report

The following report was submitted by Capt. Jeff Raines, Division of Professional Standards.

**Ridgefield Police Department
Training & Community Policing/Public Relations Report
August 2022**

Training Attended:

August 2-4: Captain Fowler and Detective Dardis attended Colt Armorers Class in New Jersey.

August 2&4: Officer Van Wattum assisted the three new recruits at POST with Arrest & Control training.

August 12: Officer Gjodesen assisted the three new recruits at POST at Practical Skills Day training.

P/R Events:

August 24: Captain Raines, Detective Dardis and SRO Luis attended a meet & greet/school safety meeting with the new principal, Rachel Ambrosio and the staff at St. Mary School.

August 26: Officer Geller attended an appreciation BBQ at the Marine Corps. League, to honor people who served in the Marines and continue to serve in Law Enforcement.

August 30: RHS senior/Boys & Girls Club counselor Briony Sekelsky added the Ridgefield Police Department as a location in our community, that are part of her "Safe Spaces" program.

Upcoming Events:

The PBA Safety Day is scheduled for October 2nd, at the East Ridge Middle School. We encourage everyone to attend.

A total of 12 Public Relations were performed during the month(s) to include:

- Officers met with the staff and children at the Shir Shalom Temple.
- Several car seat installations were performed.
- Officers met with local businesses and spoke with employees.
- Multiple Social Media posts were put out in regards to Police Activities & Safety Messages.

C. Department Statistics

Chief Kreitz reported the total incidents for the month of August 2022 was 1,541. He also highlighted some of the statistics for the month.

6. UNION PARTICIPATION

None

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to discuss personnel matters

Commissioner Dornfeld made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:13 to discuss Employee Performance. Commissioner Coffin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Police Commission returned to Public Session at 8:26pm. No votes were taken.

Commissioner Money made a motion to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 8:27pm. Commissioner Caporale seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Issy Caporale
Police Commission Secretary