

APPROVED

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday March 18, 2008

The Hooksett Police Commission held a public meeting on Tuesday March 18, 2008, at the Safety Center. Present were Chairperson David Gagnon, Commissioner Henry Roy, Chief Stephen Agrafiotis, Town Councilor Paul Loiselle, William Shackford, Doris Shackford, Investigator Spencer Richdale and Greta Cuyler from the Union Leader.

Commissioner Mary Anne Maksalla was excused.

Chairperson Gagnon called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Session

1. Chief Agrafiotis and the Hooksett Police Commission honored Investigator William Shackford who recently retired from the police department. He was the lead investigator on the Paquette case, worked on internal investigations, and hiring backgrounds. They wanted to thank him for his years of service to the citizens of Hooksett and to the Hooksett Police Department. He was presented with several awards from the Hooksett Police Department.

William Shackford would be honored on May 10, 2008 at the Puritan Backroom for Citizen of the year.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

A. A motion was made by Chairperson Gagnon to accept the February 19, 2008 public minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Roy, motion carried unanimously.

3. Monthly Reports:

A. The budget summary for the Town for the month of February was 65.38% expended.

Monthly Reports Continued:

The Police Department was 56.28% and Communications Department was 47.55% expended.

Chief Agrafiotis stated that as of February the Police and Communications budget was \$329,042 under spent.

4. Old/New Business:

A. There was a budget committee public hearing held on March 13, 2008. The budget committee voted to pass the budget and support the communications systems warrant article, which the Town Council had also passed.

B. Chief Agrafiotis has spoken to Attorney Mayer on March 17, 2008 he is working with him on what needs to be done with Verizon reference the Communications tower issues.

C. Chief Agrafiotis asked Councilor Loiselle about MRI. He stated that he attended the department head meeting on March 12, 2008 and MRI was discussed, and he has not heard anything from the Council. He stated that LGC offers the same type of trainings. Councilor Loiselle stated the Town Council would be discussing that at the next meeting.

D. Chief Agrafiotis discussed the different articles that have been in the newspapers reference the New Hampshire Retirement System. All the employees are paying attention to this, and waiting to see how it will turn out, and wondered how it would effect recruiting in the future.

E. A discussion was held at the department head meeting with the Town Administrator about the security at the new Town Hall. Information was given about security for this building. The Chief's request is with the funding the Town Council has to look at the security issues for this building.

F. Chief Agrafiotis informed the Commission that the Police Academy gives out an award called beyond the traffic ticket. It is an award for outstanding performance or notable achievement related to traffic enforcement. He has decided to nominate Officer Jason Defina for an award this year.

G. A packet of information on the Police Association history was given to the Commission and Town Councilor Loiselle.

H. Chief Agrafiotis discussed an article on school security which was also given to the school administrator.

I. There will be a blood drive held in memory of Chief James Oliver on March 19, 2008.

J. Discussed the Technical Review Committee, Michelle Bonsteel was working on changes

Old/New Business Continued:

on clarifying the attendance of different departments.

K. Chief stated that Lt. McDaniel and himself are reviewing the department's A.O.M. manual and updating the policies.

Chairperson Gagnon stated that he wanted to put on the agenda a discussion reference the AOM manuals for next month.

L. Discussed an article on gang arrests in Manchester. Chief stated that an interesting comment was made by the US Attorney about the growing presence of gang members, and gang activity in southern New Hampshire.

M. Chief asked Councilor Loiselle about the ethics policy that they are working on. Councilor Loiselle stated he believes it will be a separate policy once completed. Chief stated he would look into what this department has and forward the information to Liz Dionne at Town Hall.

Non-Public Session

At 6:36 PM, the Commission entered a non-public session to discuss personnel issues. Chairperson Gagnon motioned, seconded by Commissioner Roy, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote to enter non-public session in accordance with the provisions of NH RSA 91-A: 3, II (c)

A motion was made to come out of the non-public session at 7:05 PM.

1. Personnel Issues:

A. A motion was made by Chairperson Gagnon to accept the February 19, 2008 non-public minutes with corrections. Seconded by Commissioner Roy, motion carried unanimously.

B. A motion was made by Commissioner Roy to hire Richard Belanger for the vacant dispatcher position effective date March 24, 2008, seconded by Chairperson Gagnon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Chairperson Gagnon to seal all of the non-public session of the minutes that contained personnel issues. The reasons justifying the need for a non-public session still remain. Motion seconded by Commissioner Roy and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:05 PM.

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