



Public Safety Commission

Town of GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

29 JUNE 2016

The Public Safety Committee met at the Greenfield Police Department Meeting Room at 5:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Hawkins and Commissioners Longley, White, and Clark. A quorum was present.
Also present: Chief Haigh

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Proper notice had been posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the May 25th meeting by Commissioner Longley. Seconded by Commissioner White.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Commissioner Longley reminded the members of the Commission that they were due for committee reorganization at next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX:

-Chairman Hawkins expressed that he and the Mayor would like to broaden the group and put together a formal presentation to bring before the Council. Both of them agree that a large part of the group's task at this point should shift toward bringing funding to the project in an attempt to alleviate the burden on the town. He mentioned that the District Attorney's office is looking for a new space and that perhaps a portion the town's Information Technology department could utilize a new space also.

POLICE BODY CAMERAS:

-Chief Haigh estimated the costs associated with the equipment needed to arm each of the department's officers with a body camera at around \$300,000. He was able to find a grant that helped with those costs, but it offered only up to \$50,000. He mentioned that he remains in communication with the WMCOPA regarding this topic and they are still in the process of working with the State in an attempt to formalize policies and procedures surrounding the use of body cameras, but until such time he does not feel comfortable utilizing them. He did meet with the Mayor about the issue and for the time being, it has been tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

-None

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE:

-Tabled.

POLICE:

-Chief Haigh explained that following his accident, Sergeant James Rode will be out on FMLA for the foreseeable future. Officer Corey Greene suffered an injury on duty on June 27th and is expected to remain out of work for a minimum of 2 to 3 months. The window could extend to as much as 6 months, should he require surgery. Vacancies created are being filled with supervisor overtime and occasional OICs.

EMS:

-Tabled.

DISPATCH:

-Chief Haigh reported the Department would be losing two full time employees in the month of July and was looking to try and expedite/change the hiring process in a an attempt to get staffing levels back up. In the interim, he planned to utilize per diem dispatchers as often as possible.

OPEN FLOOR:

-None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-None

Commissioner Longley moved to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Provost. All in favor the motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:27 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27th at the Greenfield Police Department Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Nugent, Recording Clerk

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