

The meeting was called to order at 3:36pm. Present: Chief Palmer, Captain Carrier, Geoff Cook, Howie Mills, Councilor Bob Burns, and Phil Scalise. No parties acknowledged their presence on the provided conference line.

Old Business:

1. Review of the past month's activity

Chief Palmer reported that there were ten mental health calls last month, a notable uptick from past months. The tenth Hopkinton annual stroll took place and was attended by three HPD officers. It was a great success all around. Other responses were for three attempted suicides, one sudden death, and one overdose, death resulting. The fourth and final arrest was made related to the Trinity Church break in. Captain Carrier and Chief Palmer both appeared before the council to request approval for a compassion dog for the department which was granted.

911 Ordinance: no new information at this time. The funds are still in place and ready to deploy. We just have to get the prices locked back down, and move forward.

New Business:

Body worn cameras all arrived and are being made ready to use. Tasers will be set up and in place next month. It was discovered that the system supporting the security system cameras (at the station), had a hard drive failure, and will need to be replaced. The estimate is about \$23k to replace it.

The minutes of 12/08/22 were reviewed. Geoff Cook made a motion to accept them as presented, the motion was seconded by Det. Howard Mills. Motion carried.

In other updates, the latest new police car will be available at the end of the month. It then will be sent out to have it outfitted with strobes and support equipment. It should be in service by mid-Feb.

Employee Retention: Chief noted that we had four applicants in the last hiring drive and were very grateful for those candidates. He noted however, that previously we would have easily seen over 100 applicants. We were fortunate to find two very qualified applicants from this round of notifications.

Motion to adjourn at 4:28 pm by Geoff, seconded by Howard, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted for review

Philip Scalise, Secretary,
Hopkinton Police Commission

