

Minutes of the Hopkinton Police Commission Meeting of 11/10/2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:39 pm. Present: Chief Palmer, Captain Carrier, Geoff Cook, Howie Mills, myself. Bob Marvel is on vacation. No parties acknowledged their presence on the provided conference line.

Old Business:

1. Review of the past month's activity

Chief Palmer gave the monthly report: The department responded to a drug overdose where the 22 year old, male subject was administered narcan to revive him. It was noted that this person had narcan administered 8 times the previous week. There were no other suicides or drug related incidents. On 10/5/22 the department met to work on union negotiations. The contract is developing well, and is on it's way to being finalized, for submission to the Town Council for approval. On 10/25, Chief Palmer attended the State wide chief's meeting, where personnel were discussed, and specifically measures and penalties that should be put in place for one department recruiting personnel from another dept. The chairperson, the Warwick Police Chief is working to establish these guidelines. On 10/28 some members of the department supported the Halloween Parade in Hope Valley.

Body cameras: The department is working on finalizing the contract with the supplier, and will be ready for council review soon. Also, there is a grant for this item that is being finalized with the state. The trial run with the cameras ends today. The final number for the equipment and services is \$33.5k /year.

In other department business: As previously mentioned, one of the recent openings created in the department, is being filled by a transfer in by a retired Westerly PD person. Steve Johnson comes to the dept. with decades of experience, and currently serving on FTO. We are fully switched over from PMAM to Power DMS as the platform to maintain all dept. policies and procedures.

New Business

E911: We received pricing from a local sign company last month. Sherri was unable to attend our meeting today, but will try to make next month's meeting to discuss. Also we need to verify that the quoted price provides numbers that have adhesive to affix to the mailboxes, etc.

Employee Retention: The Town Manager Brian Rosso is actively involved in the contract negotiations and is working to help increase starting pay to help make our town competitive as we attempt to replace personnel.

The commission reviewed the minutes of 10/13/22. There was a motion to accept them as presented by Geoff Cook and seconded by Howard Mills, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 4:40 pm by Geoff, seconded by Howard, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted for review

Phil Scalise



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