

# CITY OF PORT JERVIS

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## Police Committee Meeting Minutes

15 September 2022 6:15 pm

Members Present: Mr. Livingston, Ms. Miller, Ms. Mann, Mr. Siegel, Ms. Newhauser, Chief Worden

Public Comment: No public comment received.

## New Business: Updates

A review of the August Crime Report was conducted for the committee. Part I crimes have risen by 45% for the year, arrests for criminal offenses have increased by 39%, and offenses involving burglary, petit larceny, simple assault, aggravated assault, Driving While Intoxicated and overall arrests have increased.

Bid Preparations for Fixed License Plate Readers are being prepared to present to the Council to solicit funding to install fixed license plate readers at city entrances. The draft bids will be forwarded to Corporation Counsel for review prior to submission to the Council.

Fall Festival safety and operational planning is being conducted for emergency management of the upcoming event.

Bell Game Procession involving local emergency services is scheduled for Friday, September 16th at 4:30pm.

Annual Harvest Festival sponsored by City of Port Jervis PD, Rec, DPW scheduled for October 15th at Riverside Park.

Grace Church Trunk or Treat- The department will be participating in the upcoming Trunk or Treat at Riverside Park on October 29th following the Recreation Dept. Parade.

Training Report- Officers are currently being training in the filing of Emergency Risk Protection Orders (ERPO), Officer Patrick Kerr has graduated from the DCJS Emergency Vehicle Operators Instructors Course, Sgt Dan Mioglionico and Officer Andrew Haniuk have successfully graduated from the DCJS Police Defensive Tactics Instructors Course. School Officers recently completed a "Back to School" in-service training involving legal updates, youth mental health, and active shooter response training with

the department firearms simulator. Crossing Guards recently completed a back-to-school training orientation.

2022-23 Traffic Safety Grants- The department was awarded \$14,440.00 for police traffic safety enforcement and \$3,800.00 for Buckle Up Enforcement. Enforcement waves begin October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023.

Child Passenger Safety Seat Inspection Event is planned for Thursday September 22 at the PJFD lot at 22 Hammond Street. The event is being hosted by the PJPd, PJFD, Deerpark PD.

Vehicle Replacement review for 2023 – The department is reviewing the need to replace three marked patrol cars in 2023.

Bola Wrap Restraint Technology- The department has received the first order of BOLA Wrap restraint technology and has begun training officers to deploy in the field. Members of the committee inspected the BOLA Wrap and received information about the restraint capabilities this technology provides for officers.

The Committee discussed a current potential traffic condition at the East Main Street Railroad Bridge involving a diminished bridge height due to recent paving. The Department of Public Works have taken immediate action regarding this situation and are working with the paving vendor to remedy the situation.

Officer Stanley Buczek was recently accepted into the prestigious Drug Recognition Expert Training Program sponsored by New York Stop DWI Program.

Officer Stanly Buczek was awarded the 2021 Stop DWI Award for Municipal Police in Orange County for his continued commitment to traffic safety and the detection of impaired drivers on the roadway.

Old Business: Updates

Review of Canal Street Speed Study- The committee reviewed the results of the recent Canal Street traffic study which revealed overall compliance with the posted speed limit in the neighborhood. The committee will continue to monitor- no action taken.

Range Building Bid- Engineer Change- The Chief reported the sudden passing of project David Crawford. Mr. John Fuller, P.E, will be meeting with the chief to review the project and assist.

Body Camera infrastructure has arrived and is currently being installed in the police department. A training and deployment plan is being instituted for the month of October.

Mobile LPR – A mobile license plate reader granted to the City by DA Hoovler has been installed on a marked patrol vehicle by Secure Watch Cameras.

Officers Rich Santini and Kyle Mitchell have been providing a one-to-two-hour Citizen Response to Active Shooter Course Training to the following groups:

- Port Jervis School District
- Bon Secours Community Hospital
- Easter Seals
- Quality Bus

Sergeant Vacancy- The committee approved a request by the Chief of Police to hold a special meeting of the committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee to interview three candidates who have recently passed the Civil Service Test for Police Sergeant to fill one current vacancy. The candidate selected will officially start their duties on October 3, 2022, to attend a mandatory three-week course in police supervision. Date of interviews to be established by Mr. Foster.

Executive Session- Review of Candidates for the following part-time non-competitive positions:

SPO Vacancy- The department currently has two vacancies in the school police unit (retirements of SPO Hockenberry and Vicchiariello). The committee reviewed information provided on a candidate who has currently completed a background investigation and will require further processing including a psychological, fingerprinting, and medical screening. The Chief of Police will make a recommendation to the Council for a conditional hiring during a future Council Meeting.

Crossing Guard Vacancy- Information on a candidate was reviewed pertaining a vacant part time crossing guard candidate (Kingston Ave/E. Main Street. A successful background investigation has been conducted and the candidate will require fingerprinting. A formal request for hiring approval will be forwarded to the Council.

Adjournment: 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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