

# CITY OF PORT JERVIS

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## Police Committee Meeting Minutes

16 May 2024 6pm

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm with the following members in attendance: Mr. Vicchiariello, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Hockenberry, Mr. Rhoades, Mr. Siegel

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – No members of public present

### New Business

**SWLE Program** – Social Work Internship Update- Current Social Work Intern Lisa Wattoff is completing her internship on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The department is reviewing a new prospective intern named Brittany Smith through Adelphi University to begin during the Fall semester.

**Grants Review** – Traffic Safety Grants submitted to the Governors Traffic Safety Committee- Child Passenger Safety Seat Program Grant for \$910.00 and the Police Traffic Services Grant for \$28,170.00.

### Traffic Safety Initiatives -

- Department participating in the Buckle Up NY Campaign May 20<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Speed Week June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Speed Monitor to be deployed on city streets to study speed conditions and prevent speeding. River Road near the Little League fields designated for initial speed unit deployment.
- Department experiencing increased traffic violations and failure to comply with increased motorcycle traffic.

### Outreach Summary/Events-

- National Night Out Scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Parade will be discontinued for this year's event to focus resources on activities at the park.
- BOCES C-Tech Law Enforcement ride-along program
- DARE program updates provided including graduation, DARE Dance and DARE baseball game outing.
- The committee discussed the Port Jervis High School Graduation Parade tentatively scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Salvation Army Community Camp Event scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The committee discussed closing a portion of Seward Avenue from Ball Street to Front Street to vehicular traffic in anticipation of a large turnout.
- Committee reviewed a request from St. Mary's Church to conduct their annual Corpus Christi Procession on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### City Hall Camera Infrastructure Repairs

- The department is working with DPW and One Stop Computer Inc, to repair and enhance the current city hall camera network. Cameras have recently been purchased and One Stop Computer will run cabling and install cameras. Source of funding to support project- City Hall Building Maintenance Line.

**SNUG Grant Budget Review-** The Chief reviewed with the committee the submitted budget plan to DCJS to support SNUG violence prevention and response initiatives:

1. Hot Spot / Anti-Violence Policing: 250 hours @ \$80 per hour = \$20,000.
2. Community Engagement / Walk and Talk details: 250 hours @ \$80 per hour = \$20,000.
3. Gun and Violent Crime Investigations: 200 hours @ \$80 per hour = \$16,000.
4. Community Outreach and School District Events: 112 hours @ \$80 per hour = \$8,960.
5. Refreshments related to Community Outreach and School District Events: \$1,500.
6. "Credible Messenger" Outreach through the School District: \$10,000.
7. Anti-Violence and Prevention Education: 120 hours @ \$80 per hour = \$9,600.
8. Crime Prevention Materials (handouts, t-shirts, etc.): \$7,940.
9. Crime Prevention Social Media Public Safety Video: \$5,000.
10. Anti-Violence Community Collaboration Breakfast: \$1,000.

Total: \$100,000.00

### Police Technology Grant Award

The Department was awarded a total of \$256,848.00 through the DCJS Technology Funding Grant to purchase equipment and technologies in the following areas:

- Surveillance Cameras (Mobile/Fixed) \$198,500.00 (new locations include West End Beach, East Main St/ Penn Avenue.
- License Plate Readers (Mobile/Fixed) \$10,000.00
- Unmanned Aerial / Underwater Vehicles \$14,600.00

- Handheld Scanners/Readers/Radios \$12,248.00
- Patrol Vehicle Equipment (PC/Tablet, Scanners, Printer, etc.) \$21,500.00

Police Week – The police department is participating in national police week observance. The names of 24,062 fallen law enforcement officers are engraved on the National Memorial Wall located in Washington DC.

Department Annual Awards – Annual awards for the year 2023 are being presented to officers during the month of May and an awards report will be disseminated to the Common Council for their review.

School Crossing Guard Posts 2024-2025 School Year -The committee discussed potential changes to assigned crossing guard posts in preparation for the opening of the East Main Street Elementary School, busing routes and six grade students walking to the Port Jervis Middle School. The Committee will continue to review to determine a plan for the September school year.

Officer Mackenzie Decker was recently accepted to attend the highly competitive Drug Recognition Officer Training Course during the month of June 2024. Meals, Lodging and overtime costs associated with the program are reimbursed through the Orange County Stop DWI Program.

### Old Business

AED Purchase – The Finance committee reviewed and approved the purchase request for AED to be distributed to City departments. Common Council to approve.

Drug Take Back Report – The April 27<sup>th</sup> DEA Take Back successfully resulted in the recovery of several pounds of unwanted medications for disposal.

Community Collaborative Forum Report - A community collaborative forum sponsored by the police department was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11:30am with representatives of various health and human services organizations, city officials, Town of Deerpark Officers, school district representatives, county officials and state officials for the purposes of connecting community based resources to inform public partners of the recent SNUG Grant and provide updates regarding state and local initiatives, SWLE Social Work Program, and mental health and prevention updates.

Range Building - Construction on the pole building at the department firearms training facility is tentatively scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Traffic/Signage

- Crosswalk Request- River Road – Due to road conditions, visibility and lack of sidewalk infrastructure, no action was taken at this time.

- North Maple Avenue Traffic Concerns – The Chief of Police and DPW Director reviewed a request to permit right hand turns on red at the intersection of North Maple Avenue with East Main Street. Due to the intersection traffic control device being engineered by a State DOT Traffic Engineer, the Chief and DPW Director recommended any request to change the traffic control device be reviewed by a traffic engineer.

Public Comment: No comment received.

Executive Session Convened by the committee from 6:55pm to 7:15pm where the following topics were discussed:

- Dispatcher P/T Applicant
- Detective Vacancy
- Police Officer Vacancy

**Adjournment 7:16pm**

Respectfully Submitted

William J. Worden

Chief of Police