



## MENASHA POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Police Commission President Jim Meinke called the meeting to order May 19, 2022 at 4:32 PM, Menasha Safety Building, 430 First Street, Menasha, Wisconsin

Present: Commissioners James Meinke, Trevor Martin, Nancy Ball and Debbie Galeazzi and Chief Tim Styka

Absent: Commissioner Jerry Jakubek

Minutes to Approve: Commissioner Meinke moved to approve the March 17, 2022 draft minutes. Commissioner Galeazzi seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

### Election of Officers:

1. Commissioner Galeazzi nominated Commissioner Meinke for the position of Police Commission President. There were no other nominees so a unanimous ballot was cast for Commissioner Meinke for President.
2. Commissioner Meinke nominated Commissioner Ball for the position of Police Commission Vice President. There were no other nominees so a unanimous ballot was cast for Commissioner Ball for Vice President.
3. Commissioner Martin nominated Commissioner Jakubek for the position of Police Commission Secretary. There were no other nominees so a unanimous ballot was cast for Commissioner Meinke for Secretary.

Communications to Receive: None

Chief's Report/Discussion with Chief Styka:

### **Training:**

- SPEAR System Evidence Based Scenario Training: Hoernke (32 hrs)
- Taser 7 Transition: All patrol staff (2.5 hrs)
- Annual WAI Conference: Sawall (32 hrs)
- Cyber Investigations Bootcamp: Heidemann (8 hrs)
- Constitutional Law: Oleszak (3.5 hrs)
- Improving Youth Interactions through Fair and Impartial Policing: Heinen (16 hrs)
- FBINAA Sprint Training: Albrecht (3.5 hrs)

- Special Events Training, CVMIC: Lenss (7 hrs)
- Mentoring for Leaders: Nelson (3 hrs)
- OWI Training: 1/3 of Officers (4 hrs)
- Spring In-service: Sworn Personnel ( 3.5 hrs)
- WRAP Safety Restraint System: Lenss (2.5 hrs)
- IPMBA: Van Alstyne (32 hrs)

#### **Department Updates:**

- Training Updates:
  - Sam Vassar continues in solo patrol and just had his 1 year anniversary.
  - Officer Jason Frederickson and Officer Shelby Birkholz have resigned.
- Our spring in service is complete. We had State Patrol come in to discuss commercial motor vehicle enforcement and the Winnebago County Sheriff Department to discuss crash reconstruction/investigation.

**Police Week Awards:** were given out at our annual ceremony yesterday. A recap of the awards includes:

#### **Service Awards:**

- Aaron Schaefer, Jason Eake and Brian Van Alstyne received their American Flag pin signifying their completion of their probationary period.
- 5 Years of Service: Adam Schulz and Shelby Birkholz
- 10 Years of Service: Dan Hoernke
- 20 Years of Service: Angie Hanchek, Matt Albrecht and Chris Groeschel
- 25 Years of Service : Jeff Jorgenson and Sara Swenson

#### **Assignment Recognition:**

- Kate Oberle given then Police Training Officer Service Ribbon for serving on the PTO Unit.
- Ray Berna given the Instructor Ribbon for serving as a Department Instructor for over three years.
- Honor Guard pin given to Derrick Rotta
- SRO pin given to Matt Schanke for serving in the role of SRO.
- Education Award: Angie Hanchek for successfully completing the Wisconsin Command College.

### **Teamwork Awards**

- On July 3, 2021, Officers were dispatched to 100 Blk of Railroad Street for report of a missing child. Matt Schanke and Brian Van Alstyn recognized for working together quickly to find the child prior to the start of the parade.
- On December 22, 2021 at approximately 11:36 a.m. officers were dispatched to the 700 Blk of Eleventh Street for the report of a Missing Person with Disability. Due to the weather conditions officers were very concerned about exposure. Jason Eake, Joel Nelson, Derrick Rotta, Matt Lenss, Pete Sawyer, Denton Heidemann, Jeff Jorgenson and Matt Schanke all worked together to find the person and return them home safe.
- On December 8, 2021, at 10:17 p.m., Report of shots fired near the intersection of Racine Street and Twelfth Street De Pere Street. A complex scene was discovered and several officers all worked together to quickly identify the people involved. Mike Oney, Sam Vassar, Jason Eake, Joel Nelson, Nick Thorn, Pete Sawyer, Denton Heidemann, Josh Gallagher, Cyndel Sawall, and Amy Cook.

### **PNB Save:**

- Jeff Jorgenson: August 28, 2021 Jeff Jorgenson was dispatched to the 1400 Blk of Oneida Street for a medical call. The subject was PNB and he was able to use his AED where a shock was delivered. The patient was transported to the hospital and survived.

### **Excellence in Patrol Investigations**

- On Tuesday, May 4, 2021, Officer Jeff Jorgenson was dispatched to a burglary. It was discovered that a window to an office door was shattered and several items were taken, including a safe. The next day, Officer Jorgenson returned to the area and checked all around the location on foot. He ended up finding the safe that was taken. This piece of evidence helped to solve the crime.
- On April 7, 2021 Officer John Abrahamson was dispatched to a Hit and Run crash at Nicolet and Washington. A 12 pack of beer was located in the back seat. He was able to determine that the beer was purchased from Walgreens 8 minutes before the crash. A suspect was identified and arrested.

### **Traffic Enforcement Awards:**

- Most OWI's: Officer Mike Oney (13)
- Most Traffic Stops: Officer Derrick Rotta (177)
- Most Parking Tickets: Officer Kelly Gennrich (629)
- Most time on Traffic Grants: Officer Matt Schanke 52 hours
- Most time spent on traffic issue complaints: Jeff Jorgenson (870)

**Taskmaster:**

- Going above and beyond in taking on tasks and helping out the department in countless ways. PSP Lindsey Whitney, Evidence Custodian Cyndel Sawall and Lt. Adam Schulz

**LEED Award:**

- This award is presented to an officer who exemplifies Listen Explain Equity and Dignity in their interactions with other. This was presented to Officer Aaron Schaefer.

**Lifesaving Award:**

- On March 6, 2022, at 1:19 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 700 Block of Paris Street for a disturbance. Upon arrival officers located a male party who was armed with a knife and threatening others in the house. An entry was made and the person started to cause significant injuries to himself. Officers were able to deploy a Taser® and immediately started to provide lifesaving aid. Had it not been for their efforts, the subject would have died. Therefore a Life Saving Award was the officers for a successful effort in saving human life which involved exceptional courage or performance. Officer Josh Gallagher, Lt. Joel Nelson and Officer Levi Skeens (Fox Crossing PD).

**Chief's Award:**

- Lt. Adam Schulz was given the Chief's Award for his dedication to training, accreditation and wellness. He has also grown as a supervisor and leader within the Department.

**Officer of the Year:**

- This award is given to an officer who demonstrates exceptional ability, achievement, initiative, dedication to duty, or courage in carrying out the mission of the Menasha Police. The Officer of the Year Award was presented to Officer Dan Hoernke.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 21, 2022, starting at 4:30 pm. Menasha Safety Building, 430 First Street, Menasha, Wisconsin.

Menasha alderpersons occasionally attend meetings of this body. It is possible that a quorum of Common Council, Board of Public Works, Administration Committee, Personnel Committee, may be attending; however no official Action of any of these bodies will be taken.

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