

Welcome to the
City of Menasha



MENASHA POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Police Commission President Jim Meinke called the meeting to order July 22, 2022 at 4:31 PM, Menasha Safety Building, 430 First Street, Menasha, Wisconsin

Present: Commissioners James Meinke, Trevor Martin, Nancy Ball, Jerry Jakubek and Debbie Galeazzi, Chief Tim Styka and Officer Dan Hoernke

Absent: None

Minutes to Approve: Commissioner Galeazzi moved to approve the May 19, 2022 draft minutes. Commissioner Ball seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

Communications to Receive: None

Chief's Report/Discussion with Chief Styka:

Chief Styka introduced Officer Dan Hoernke. Officer Hoernke will be taking over the role of Community Liaison. He explained how he was born and raised in Menasha and has been very excited to work in the community he grew up in for the past 11 years. He then shared details about his position and answered some questions from the Commission about his duties. Dan then explained about the upcoming National Night Out event.

Training:

- DAAT Training: All sworn personnel (2.5 hrs)
- School Safety and Violent Event Management: Schanke and Gallagher (8 hrs)
- Profiling teen Killers: Abrahamson and Gallagher (8 hrs)
- External Communication for Leaders: Gennrich (6.5 hrs)
- WI Child Passenger Safety Course: Gallagher & Eake (24 hrs)
- Less Lethal Certification: Brownie (8 hrs)
- SRO Conference: Schanke, Abrahamson & Gallagher (18 hrs)
- Coaching and Feedback: Nelson (3 hrs)
- Drug ID & Motor Vehicles: Van Alstyne & Eake (7 hrs)
- Bike Patrol Training: Vassar (4 hrs)
- Red Dot Pistol Instructor: Berna, Sawyer & Schulz (16 hrs)
- Glock Armorer: Schanke (8 hrs)

- WI LEAP Conference: Gonnering (22 hrs)
- Police & Press: Strategies for Navigating Today's World: Jorgenson (1hr)
- Employment Law & HR: Oleszak (3.5 hrs)

Department Updates:

- Training Updates:
 - Officer Brownie is about half way through his field training program.
 - Joseph (Kole) Svitak and Jordan Batchelor have accepted their offers of employment and will begin the recruit academy in August.
- Officer Dan Hoernke will be taking over in the Community Liaison role as staffing allows.
- Officers Josh Gallagher, Kelly Gennrich and Rick Heinen have been OIC
- Our first intersection camera at 3rd and Racine should be operational in August.
- We will be doing a demo of ALPR cameras called Flock. All of the surrounding agencies either have them or are considering using them. We have been able to utilize the cameras Neenah has which we extremely helpful in a few investigations. One case was a possible child abduction. By accessing the cameras we were able to determine the vehicle involved, located the driver and confirmed that an abduction had not taken place. By doing this in a very timely manner, this reduced the time of the investigation. We also did not have to put out a community notification trying to locate the vehicle.
- National Night Out: We are hosting our first National Night Out from 6-8:30pm on Wednesday August 3rd. Food trucks will also be there from 4-8.

Police Chief Hiring Process:

Chief Styka discussed the City has been working to hire a City Attorney for the past few months. In an effort to be proactive, he suggested that the Commission consider what type of process the group would like when it comes time to hire a new police chief. The group discussed options of internal and external candidates, interviews and questions, backgrounds and other possible steps. A variety of sample questions were provided to the group for them to use to begin to create their questions. At the next meeting Human Resources Coordinator Kimberly Cardoza will attend the meeting to continue this conversation.

The meeting ended at 5:45pm with Commissioner Galeazzi moving to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Ball seconding the motion and the group voting to approve.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 15, 2022, starting at 2:00 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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