



MENASHA POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Police Commission President Jim Meinke called the meeting to order January 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM, Menasha Safety Building, 430 First Street, Menasha, Wisconsin

Present: Commissioners James Meinke, Trevor Martin, Nancy Ball, Jerry Jakubek, Debbie Galeazzi, and Chief Nick Thorn

Absent: None

Minutes to Approve: Previous meetings were in closed session due to Police Chief hiring process.

Chief's Report/Discussion with Chief Thorn:

Chief Thorn thanked the Police Commission and welcomed any feedback for changes to the flow or content provided during future meetings. Chief Thorn then discussed beginning the selection processes for the Investigative Lieutenant position.

Department Updates:

- Hiring Process- The next Officer hiring process will take place on 3/16/23. This will be a one day event to include interviews with the Police Commission.
- Hwy 441- The Police Department will be providing enforcement coverage on Hwy 441 beginning 4/1/23. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department currently has maintained highway coverage however due to staffing issues and increased workload in other areas of the County, they have notified area municipalities of the change in jurisdictional enforcement. There will be a gradual transition from during 4/1/23 through 6/30/23. Beginning 7/1/23, Menasha PD will be the primary agency handling all calls for service on the highway in the City of Menasha's Jurisdiction. The Police Department will see an increased call/ response volume from this. We are needing to purchase additional equipment and additional training will be taking place for all sworn personnel on Traffic Incident Management and Vehicle Contacts.

- Community Engagement:
 - The police department will be participating in a basketball game with students from Menasha High School and School Staff members to increase community partnerships especially with our youth and our diverse community.
 - The Police Department will be hosting a neighborhood meeting with the Jefferson Park and Hart Park groups on 2/28/23. Safety presentations and a pot luck will be taking place. The vision is to continue to support our existing neighborhood groups, but also expand and grow to have several groups covering the City of Menasha.
 - Staff will be participating in Special Olympics Police Plunge on 2/11/23.
 - Trainers from the Police Department completed active threats training with City Hall staff recently. They will be working with other area businesses to conduct similar trainings.
 - On 1/6/23, Menasha Police Department partnered with Fox Crossing and Neenah Police Departments to make a 13 year old boy's dream of becoming a Police Officer come true. Despite battling brain cancer, the child's resiliency and positivity was captivating. The child was sworn in as an honorary Police Officer before experiencing some hands-on training at both Menasha Police Department and Fox Valley Technical College. Several area businesses assisted with providing the child a uniform, equipment and other needs to make the day possible.

The meeting ended at 5:15pm with Commissioner Galeazzi moving to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Martin seconding the motion and the group voting to approve.

The next meeting will be held March 16, 2023, starting at 4:00 pm at 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.

Menasha is committed to its diverse population. Our non- English speaking population or those with disabilities are invited to contact the acting Chief of Police at 967-3500 at least 24-hours in advance to ensure special accommodations can be made.