

## **PSM Meeting Minutes January 24, 2024**

- Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6 p.m. meeting was called to order and it was at the City Hall, 2nd floor and also Zoom.
- Recording Statement: This meeting is being recorded by the PSC, if anyone other than the city or the commission is recording this meeting you must notify the chair at this time: None
- According to MGL 30A, section 20: Skipped

### **Roll Call**

Commissioner Jarvis - present  
Commissioner McMahon - present  
Commissioner Lanoie - present  
Commissioner Burge - present  
David Moscaritolo - present  
Chief Strahan Fire Department - present  
Chief Haigh (Zoom)  
Dep. Chief Gordon - present  
Dispatch Supervisor Cindy Hunter - present  
Kimberly AMR - present

- Commissioners welcomed Mayor Desorgher
- October 2023 & December 2023 Motion by Commissioner McMahon; 2nd by Commissioner Burge: Approved by commissioners all in favor; Couple spelling errors at end of October's minutes to be corrected.

**Public Comment:** Pamela Goodwin and Jesus Leyva

### **Reorganization of Commissioners:**

-Motion by Commissioner Burge to nominate Commissioner Moscaritolo for Chair; 2nd by Commissioner McMahon; All in favor

-Motion by Commissioner Moscaritolo to nominate Commissioner Lanoie for Vice Chair; 2nd by Commissioner McMahon; All in favor.

-Motion by Commissioner Moscaritolo to nominate Commissioner Jarvis to secretary; 2nd by Commissioner Burge; All in favor.

## **Monthly Updates:**

-Motion by Commissioner Jarvis to change the order of departments to allow Police Department to go first; 2nd by Burge; All in favor

## **Police Department:**

Chief Haigh spoke:

- Met with the Mayor for input on how she would like to see the budget formatted to make it easier to follow for everyone.
- Hiring a new dispatcher
- 3 of the new hires started working full time shifts. Will put 34 officers back on the street. Everyone is doing well.
- Capital tomorrow 1/25, Chief has different solutions to go over with the Mayor.
  
- Building project has a little hang up with the designer and contractor.
- Trying to get downtown patrols back again.
- Chief mentioned he is proud of the Co-response Program and everyone looks to Greenfield's program
- (Q) Commissioner Moscaritolo- Are we still using the Sheriff's Department and is it going to continue?
- (A) Chief Haigh- The sheriff provided people to assist GDP to improve the policing in Greenfield, it was never replacing officers. And yes they have agreed to continue.

## **Deputy Gordon**

- Sent all the commissioners the end of the year reports of the totals of the department's activities.
- Will cover co-response numbers at next month's meeting - When a new dispatch council arrives it will be installed in the new dispatch room.
- Working group with fire, police and dispatched emergency management of handling multi agency involvement.
- On the plane crash our drone was able to find the plane within 4 minutes. The State Police helicopter was unable to fly due to weather. Plane crash site was in Leyden. All agencies worked well together which included state, federal, and local from numerous towns.

## **Dispatch Updates:**

Cindy Hunter, Manager

- OT up a little due to the loss of one dispatcher
- We now have 4 per diem
- 3-11 shift open right now but should be easy to fill

- 1 new hire going through HR
- All dispatchers and Shelburne Control did a great job with the plane crash.
- (Q) Commissioner Moscaritolo: Do we have 9 dispatchers now? -
- Yes and we are hiring a tenth which will likely be a floater
- (Q) Commissioner McMahon: Do we have a problem with the dispatch radio and is it hard to get parts?
- Yes and the Police, Fire and Dispatch are in the process of ordering a new one and it takes 6-8 months for the build.

### **AMR Updates:**

- In 2023 they had just over 5,000 responses in which they transported a little more than 3,000 for Greenfield
- Reviewed response times
- Added personnel for both paramedics and EMT
- Critical Care truck for region 1 is based out of Baystate Springfield

*Deputy Chief Gordon asked if we could dedicate this meeting to the memory of Bobby Manners. Spoke to his lifelong dedication to Franklin County as Deputy Chief in Shelburne, Charlemont Police, and Paramedic.*

*Motion by Commissioner Lanoie; 2nd by Commissioner Moscaritolo: all in favor motion passes.*

*Chief Strahan echoed the same and to Bobby's service to Greenfield as a paramedic.*

### **Fire Department Updates:**

Monthly updates and end of the year reports for commissioners - 2023 was the busiest year ever for the Fire Department. - \*\* Zoom lost volume for a few minutes

- Chief touched on the plane crash, all involved did a great job. - Critical incident team called into work with firefighters due to recovery on the scene.
- Grant for a larger pickup truck was received for emergency management for Franklin County. Cost 135K and the city council will need to vote to accept the grant.
- Budget is on course, but the Chief did say he has some short-term leave coming up. FMLA, IOD etc.
- Fire Prevention now has a part time clerk.
- New ambulance should arrive sometime in July or August, the quicker turnaround time is due to it being a demo.

## **Capital**

- 50K for ballistic vests and helmets
- Ladder Truck is a 2000 NFPA standards replacement after 20 years in service ours will be 26 years old if ordered this year by time the new one arrives. Costs 2.5 million
- New Station going well administration just about completed, the bays next and an April move in date.
- Emergency Management working group going well. - On the emergency management side, the city received 100K back to the city for this summer's storm damage.
- The Chief highlighted some features of the new radio system.
- (Q) Commissioner Moscaritolo: Any additional cost to the city on the new pickup truck?
- (A) Chief Strahan: No, just fuel, maintenance, and insurance.

## **Co-response discussion:**

- Commissioner Lanoie handed out a study that he came across that he wanted to share with the committee.
- Commissioner Burge thanked the commissioner for information and for moving issues forward.
- Mayor thanked the Commission and thanked those involved for the Emergency Management Group coming together.
- Commissioner Moscaritolo spoke about a program that Amherst runs on responding to mental health emergencies.

## **Deputy Chief Gordon**

- Deputy asked if anyone had any questions on the "Response to Resistance & Aggression" Policy.
- Commissioner Moscaritolo stated he had some and wondered if it would be best for commissioners to forward questions. After some discussion it was agreed that email questions would be best.

**Motion** by Commissioner Burge to adjourn; 2nd by Commissioner McMahon: All in favor