

NEENAH POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

March 6, 2024, 7:00 a.m.
Neenah Police Department Community Room

Present: Commissioners Judd Stevenson, Gilbert Mueller, Laura Kemp, Robert Karrmann and Sam Erickson

Also Present: Chief Aaron Olson, Assistant Chief Jeff Bernice and Captain Tom Van Sambeek

Commissioner Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. He noted a quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Erickson that the minutes of the December 6, 2023, regular meeting be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion to convene into Closed Session:

It was moved by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to convene into closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of interviewing candidates for appointment to the Police Department's Eligibility List. All voted in favor of the motion.

Reconvene into Regular Session:

The Commission reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to put officer candidates Isabella Gruber, Krystopher Gutierrez, Christopher Philpot, Jacob Quella and Alexandra Wood on the department's eligibility list. All voted in favor of the motion.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Aaron Olson reported that Lieutenant Kathy Voelker retired in January and Officer Stu Zuehls will be retiring in May of 2024. Chief Olson said the department is authorized for 43 sworn positions and starting on July 1, 2024, the department will be authorized for 44 sworn positions.

Currently, the department has 41 sworn positions and on March 25, 2024, Owen Halls begins his career with the PD, bringing Neenah PD to 42 positions. When Officer Zuehls retires in May, the PD will only have 41 sworn officers.

The goal is to hire three officers as soon as possible. Two for the current openings and one for the upcoming increase in authorized staffing levels, going from 43 sworn to 44 sworn.

Officers Brandon Sweeney, Bryce Sweeney, Trevor Jensen, Brent Wittman and Bryce Moeller are all in their mandatory one-year probation period. Officer Jennifer Priessnitz is in phase three of the field training program. All of these officers are reportedly doing well.

Officer Ben Kosiorek is currently in the police academy and is due to graduate on May 17, 2024. When Owen Halls starts as an officer with the PD on March 25, 2024, he will begin the police academy on March 26, 2024, and is scheduled to graduate on August 2, 2024.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Kemps and seconded by Commissioner Mueller to adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: April 3, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gilbert H. Mueller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gilbert H. Mueller, Secretary