

NEENAH POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

April 5, 2023 7:00 a.m.
Neenah Police Department Community Room

Present: Commissioners Gilbert Mueller, Laura Kemps Robert Karrmann and Sam Erickson

Also Present: Assistant Chief Jeffrey Bernice and Thomas Van Sambeek

Absent: Commissioner Judd Stevenson

Commissioner Kemps called the meeting to order at 7:00am. She noted a quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Mueller that the minutes of the March 1, 2023, regular meeting be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion to convene into Closed Session:

It was moved by Commissioner Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Mueller to convene into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) 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 7:57a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to put officer candidates Travis Koponen, Devin Meeuwssen and Joshua Powlosky on the department's eligibility list. All voted in favor of the motion.

Police Chiefs Report:

Assistant Chief Jeffrey Bernice reported that the department is authorized for 43 sworn officers. The department has a staffing level of 38 down five positions. Investigator Chris Gordon resigned on March 24, 2023, to go to DCI. There are two more retirements expected by late 2023 to early 2024.

The June 2023 Academy slot was relinquished due to both non-sworn candidates failing out. Future Academy positions will be August 2023 (1) and January 2024 (1).

Interviews were conducted on March 20, 2023, for the Behavioral Health Officer position. Two patrol officers were interviewed, and Officer Josh Peterson was selected. The position will be filled late summer/early fall due to staffing levels.

Officer Dakota Raatz, hired on May 23, 2022, is doing well. Officer Erica Geschrei, hired on October 10, 2022, is doing well, and was selected to be SRO on January 30, 2023. Officers Brandon and Bryce Sweeney, hired on July 25, 2022, are both doing well and should be out of training this month.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to Adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: May 3, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,



Gilbert H. Mueller, Secretary