

NEENAH POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

August 2, 2023, 7:00 a.m.
Neenah Police Department Community Room

Present: Commissioners Judd Stevenson, Gilbert Mueller, Laura Kempfs, Robert Karmann and Sam Erickson

Also Present: Chief Aaron Olson, Assistant Chief Jeffrey Bernice and Captain Thomas 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 Kempfs and seconded by Commissioner Erickson that the minutes of the May 11, 2023, regular meeting be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion to convene into Closed Session:

It was moved by Commissioner Kempfs and seconded by Commissioner Karmann 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 7:45 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Karmann and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to put officer candidates Lucas Gruenstern and Bryce Moeller on the department's eligibility list. All voted in favor of the motion.

Police Chiefs Report:

Chief Aaron Olson reported that the department has two open patrol officer positions. If the two people who are on the eligibility list pass background and medical exams, the police department will be fully staffed. Chief Olson knows of two upcoming retirements in 2024. One in January of 2024 and one in April of 2024. Chief Olson's goal is to hire two more officers prior to these retirements.

Officer Dakota Raatz, Erica Geschrei, Brandon Sweeney and Bryce Sweeney are all on probation and doing well. Officers Trevor Jensen, Brent Wittman and Travis Koponen are all in field training and doing well. Officer Jennifer Priessnitz will start the police academy next week with a graduation date of December 23, 2023. Once she presumably completes the academy, she will go through the Field Training process and potentially be on her own in May of 2024.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Kempfs and seconded by Commissioner Mueller to adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: September 6, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,



Gilbert H. Mueller, Secretary