

NEENAH POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

December 6, 2023, 7:00 a.m.
Neenah Police Department Community Room

Present:

Commissioners Judd Stevenson, Gilbert Mueller, Laura Kempes, Robert Karrmann 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 Kempes and seconded by Commissioner Mueller that the minutes of the November 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 Kempes to convene into closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for appointment to the Police Department's Patrol Lieutenant Position. All voted in favor of the motion.

Reconvene into Regular Session:

The Commission reconvened at 7:14 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Kempes and seconded by Commissioner Karrmann to move Sergeant Samuel Santiago to the Patrol Lieutenant position. All voted in favor of the motion.

Police Chiefs Report:

Aaron Olson reported that the department currently has 43 sworn positions. Starting July 1, 2024, the department will have 44 sworn positions. Currently, the department has 41 sworn positions and starting on Monday, we are hiring Ben Kosiorek, bringing us to 42 positions.

We are currently conducting two background investigations on the two officer candidates who were placed on the eligibility list last month. If these two officer candidates pass the 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.

Officers Dakota Raatz, Brandon Sweeney, Bryce Sweeney, Trevor Jensen, Brent Wittman and Bryce Moeller are all on probation and doing well. Officer Jennifer Priessnitz is in the police academy with a graduation date of December 23, 2023. Once she is 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 Erickson and seconded by Commissioner Karmann to Adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: January 3, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gilbert H. Mueller".

Gilbert H. Mueller, Secretary