

# NEENAH POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

November 1, 2023, 7:00 a.m.

Neenah Police Department Community Room

**Present:** Commissioners Judd Stevenson, Gil Mueller, Laura Kemps, Bob Karrmann and Sam Erickson

**Also Present:** Chief Aaron Olson, Assistant Chief Jeffrey 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 Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Kemps that the minutes of the September 13, 2023, regular meeting be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

## **Motion to Convene into Closed Session**

It was moved by Commissioner Kemps and seconded by Commissioner Mueller 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 and Patrol Lieutenant Position. All voted in favor of the motion.

## **Reconvene into Regular Session**

The Commission reconvened at 7:58 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to put officer candidates Caleb Feavel and Owen Halls on the department's eligibility list. All voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Kemps and seconded by Commissioner Mueller to move Investigative Sergeant Jeremy Bauman to the Patrol Lieutenant position. All voted in favor of the motion.

## **Police Chiefs Report**

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

Officer Dakota Raatz, Erica Geschrei, Brandon Sweeney, Bryce Sweeney, Trevor Jensen, Brent Wittman and Bryce Moeller are all on probation and doing well. Officer Travis Koponen and Bryce Moeller are both in Field Training and doing well. Officer Jennifer Priessnitz in the Police Academy 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.

With Lieutenant Jason Goetz taking over the open Professional Standards Lieutenant position and Lieutenant Kathy Voelker retiring in January, this created one open road Lieutenant position and one future Patrol Lieutenant position. The Police Department conducted a full day of interviews

and scenarios, and Investigative Sergeant Jeremy Bauman and Patrol Sergeant Sam Santiago were both selected to be the next Patrol Lieutenants.

The Police Commission interviewed and ratified Sergeant Jeremy Bauman as one of the Patrol Lieutenants and will interview Patrol Sergeant Sam Santiago in December.

**Other Business**

None

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Commissioner Karrmann and seconded by Commissioner Kemps to adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: December 6, 2023

Respectfully submitted,



Gilbert H. Mueller, Secretary