

LOWELL METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION
August 14, 2014

The Lowell Metropolitan Police Commission met in regular session on August 14, 2014 at the Lowell Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Commissioner Keith Kilmer, present
Commissioner Sharon Patterson, present
Commissioner John Piper, present
Commissioner Ray Borchert, present
Commissioner Michael Mears, absent
Chief Erik Matson, present
Attorney Nicole Bennett, present

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a brief moment of silence.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Borchert made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2014 Commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Piper. 4 ayes, motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Piper made a motion to approve the July Claims/Expenditures, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. 4 ayes, motion passed.

VI. CHIEF'S REPORT AND THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES OR MEMBERS

Chief Matson stated that the Town Council addressed the request for a new Officer at the July 28th Town Council meeting. Chief Matson stated the Council seemed very supportive of adding on a new Officer, though they have not made a concrete decision.

Chief Matson advised the Commission that he has spoken to the financial adviser and the Police Department will be able to lease 3 new Dodge Chargers this year.

Chief Matson stated that a Substance Abuse Council grant has been awarded to the Police Department in the total of \$3,144.00. Two radars units have been purchased for the new vehicles from this grant and also Officers will be able to attend Crash Reconstruction School from the grant funds in the future.

Chief Matson stated that the Tri Creek MOU has been an ongoing topic with the Town Council and himself, due to some questions over jurisdiction of the schools and other legalities. The Lake County Sheriff requested that their legal counsel have time to speak with the Lowell Town Attorney.

Chief Matson stated that the Sally port doors will need to be opened remotely by the Officers once dispatch has been moved to county. 20 remotes will need to be purchased for each car, plus two extra. He stated that the lowest quote was from Overhead Door

Company in Crown Point for \$828.00. He requested permission to go ahead with the purchase of the remotes pending the approval from the Town Clerk. Chief Matson stated that the National Night Out went very well and that he has received positive comments. Lowell Officers spoke with over 50 citizens. Commissioner Borchert stated that the money provided by the Tri Creek School system for the RO Officer will be placed into a general fund to be used for salary for the new Officer. He further stated that should the funds not be used, they could be taken back by the State if placed in the General fund and not used. He also stated that the funds would need to be earmarked specifically for the hiring of a new Officer, so the Police Department could keep the funds. President Kilmer stated that this would be a matter for the Town Council. Commissioner Patterson stated that she believes before the grant would even be finalized an agreement has to be made. President Kilmer stated that when an agreement has been made and a check issued, the Town Council will need to be made aware of the earmarking of the check.

VII. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Borchert made a motion to allow Chief Matson to begin the process of leasing three Dodge Chargers from Thomas Dodge, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. 4 ayes, motion passed.

President Kilmer asked how many bids there were, and Chief Matson replied that it was a State bid. Commissioner Piper asked if it was a lease to own deal and Chief Matson replied, "yes."

Commissioner Borchert made a motion to approve the purchase of sensors and remote controls for each Officer for the Sally Port doors, pending the approval from the Clerk Treasurer. 4 ayes, motion passed.

President Kilmer expressed his concern for the safety of having remotes and asked if the Chief had looked into swipe cards. Chief Matson replied that when new locks were put on the Police Department doors, the cost was going to be a thousand dollars a door, so a garage door could be a lot more expensive. Chief also stated that he checked with other Police Departments in the area and they also use remotes. He also informed the Commission that once inside the Sally Port, the door leading into the Police Department is locked for added security.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

X. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Commission meeting will be September 11th, 2014 at 8:00 p.m..

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Piper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. 4 ayes, motion passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Keith Kilmer, President

John Piper, Secretary