

**LOWELL METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION
JANUARY 15, 2015**

The Lowell Metropolitan Police Commission met in regular session on January 15th, 2015 at the Lowell Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Sharon Patterson, present
Commissioner John Piper, present
Commissioner Ray Borchert, present
Commissioner Michael Mears, present
Commissioner Ricky Cooper, present

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Piper nominated Commissioner Patterson for the office of President.
Commissioner Borchert seconded the motion, 5 ayes. Motion carried.
Commissioner Piper nominated Commissioner Mears for office of Vice-President.
Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion, 5 ayes. Motion carried.
Commissioner Mears nominated Commissioner Piper for the office of Secretary.
Commissioner Borchert seconded the motion, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

IV. SET MEETING DATE AND TIME

The Commission agreed to keep the Commission meeting on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7 p.m.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE December 11th, 2014 REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Borchert made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11th, 2014 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Piper. 5 ayes, motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS / EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Borchert made a motion to approve the December Claims/Expenditures, seconded by Commissioner Piper. 5 ayes, motion carried.

VII. CHIEF'S REPORT AND THE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OR MEMBERS

Chief Matson stated that dispatch has been transferred to Lake County personnel now. The Town of Lowell is no longer paying for dispatch, but they are still working in the building. This will be in affect until the Dispatch goes to Lake County. The Chief also stated that everything is going smoothly, with 4 full time dispatchers, including one that previously worked at Cedar Lake. He also advised that part-time Dispatcher Kelly Meyer

has been hired as the part time clerk, and is working Mondays and Wednesdays 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Fridays, 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

Chief Matson stated that the Officers have been trained to take money on bonds, tow releases, and parking tickets because these fees must be paid in a timely manner.

Chief Matson stated that Officer Olson completed the physical assessment last Monday and will be starting the Academy on January 20th.

Chief Matson stated that statistically calls were down and arrests were up for the year 2014.

Chief Matson thanked Keith Kilmer for his service to the Police Commission.

VIII. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Mears stated that it is important to pursue the issue of not having enough Officers on the street, and sometimes only one, when an arrest and transport are made. Commissioner Patterson asked Chief Matson to write a report and research the need to add Officers to the department and bring the findings to the next meeting. Commissioner Borchert asked if Chief Matson had an eligibility list. Chief Matson replied that he does have one that is good until September and that the list can be extended up to a year. Chief Matson said that his goal is to get the Reserve pool up and then begin the process for a full time position hire by the end of the year.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

XI. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 12th, at 7 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Piper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Borchert. 5 ayes, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Sharon Patterson, President

John Piper, Secretary