

LOWELL METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION

December 10, 2015

The Lowell Metropolitan Police Commission met in regular session on December 10, 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
Chief Erik Matson, present

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 12th, 2015 REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Piper made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12th, 2015 Regular session, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. 4 ayes, motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/EXPENDITURES

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

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

Chief Matson updated the Commission on the October 22nd Dispatch consolidation. He stated that it has been an adjustment and there have been some problems, but that the LCEC supervisors are assuring all Police Departments that everything will get better.

Chief Matson requested the Commission to approve the 2015 certification and college payments. He stated that the total was \$6,800 and that the Town Clerk Treasurer had advised there would be no problem with the payment.

Chief Matson advised the Commission that Officer Carl Mink was sworn in on November 23 and has begun the initial phase of field training and will be attending the Academy January 19th-April 29th. (Commissioner Borchert arrived at this time.)

Chief Matson stated that he would like to begin advertising for the 2016 hiring list and would like to have the hiring process completed by July, so that the top candidate will be ready to attend the Academy in August.

Chief Matson announced that the Lowell FOP will be doing their annual Shop With a Cop on December 19th and will be treating the kids and their families to breakfast at Schoops and a shopping trip to Target. The Chief said that donations could still be dropped off at the Lowell Police Department. Chief Matson stated the Lowell Parade of Lights was held on December 5th and there were no problems.

VII. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Piper made a motion to approve certification and college payments, seconded by Commissioner Mears. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Borchert asked if the college and certification payments come as a stipend at the end of the year or on the Officers pension. Chief Matson stated that it was a stipend.

Commissioner Piper made a motion to approve the advertising of the new hiring list, seconded by Commissioner Borchert. 5 ayes, motion passed.

X. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Mears asked if there has been any instances that Officer safety has been an issue since the consolidation. Chief Matson stated that there has not been a safety problem for Lowell Officers, but that the biggest issue has been calls being dispatched in a timely manner.

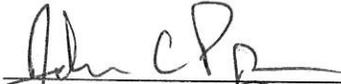
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

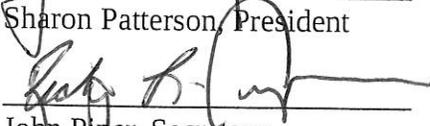
The next meeting was scheduled for January 14th, 2016.

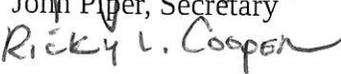
XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Piper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mears. 5 ayes, motion passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:09.


Sharon Patterson, President


John Piper, Secretary


Ricky L. Cooper