

LOWELL METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION

January 25th, 2025

The Lowell Metropolitan Police Commission met in regular session on January 25th, 2025, at the Lowell Town Hall.

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

I. Roll Call

Commissioner LeAnn Angerman, present
Commissioner Ray Borchert, present
Commissioner Sharon Patterson, present
Commissioner Mark Schwartz, present
Commissioner Lori Sanfratello, present
Chief James Woestman, present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Patterson nominated Commissioner Angerman for President, seconded by Commissioner Sanfratello. 5 ayes, motion passed.
Commissioner Sanfratello nominated Commissioner Patterson for Vice-President, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz. 5 ayes, motion passed.
Commissioner Borchert nominated Commissioner Sanfratello for Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz. 5 ayes, motion passed.

IV. The meeting date and time for the year was set for the fourth Thursday of the month beginning at 7 pm.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 28th, 2024 REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Schwartz made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28th, 2024, Regular session, seconded by Commissioner Sanfratello. 5 ayes, motion passed.

VI. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Sanfratello made a motion to approve the Claims/Expenditures, seconded by Commissioner Borchert. 5 ayes, motion passed.

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

Chief Woestman informed the commission a meeting was held with the architect firm and potential floor changes were made for the range. The Chief also anticipates they will soon be getting cost estimates from them.

Chief Woestman stated that after the physical assessment and written exam, 8 applicants and three certified officers remain. The Chief would like to complete the officer panel interviews and background checks in the next few weeks and possibly be ready for the commission interviews by the February meeting.

Chief Woestman stated the department was approved to purchase a 2023 Dodge Charger, a 2023 Dodge Durango, and a 2025 Dodge Durango. He also stated these vehicles are to replace a vehicle with higher mileage, a vehicle for the new hire, and to replace a vehicle that was involved in an accident that was a total loss.

Chief Woestman reviewed the 2024 highlights and statistics for the department.

Commissioner Angerman asked if there has been any discussion for adding additional officers. Chief Woestman replied that the current hiring process is for an additional officer and the town financial adviser stated that we should be able to add an additional officer each year going forward.

Commissioner Angerman asked where the department was at with man power according to the FBI recommendations and statistics. Chief Woestman replied that we are not quite at that number yet but getting close. Commissioner Angerman suggested that the Chief keep the discussion before the Town Council.

Commissioner Borchert asked if the newly purchased vehicles were new or used and Chief Woestman stated they are new, but unclaimed vehicles that were ordered by other departments and never picked up.

Commissioner Borchert asked if there are plans to add more Lowell officers to the NWR SWAT team and Chief Woestman replied that all 3 Officers who have requested to join have passed and are on SWAT and there are no plans to add to that. Commissioner Borchert asked what the amount spent to have Officers on the SWAT team is and Chief Woestman replied \$4,000 flat. Commissioner Borchert asked if the same service was provided with 3 Officers verses just 1 and Chief Woestman stated yes. Commissioner Angerman stated that Lowell officers have always benefited from the training involved with SWAT.

Commissioner Schwartz asked if there are any plans to add reserve officers to the department again and Chief Woestman replied yes, he hopes to add some out of the current hiring process.

Commissioner Patterson asked if there are plans to add another canine and Chief Woestman stated the department is looking towards that and it is a possibility.

VII. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

XI. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Commission date was set for February 27th, at 7 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz. 5 ayes, motion passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

LeAnn Angerman, President

Lori Sanfratello, Secretary
