LOWELL METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION October 28th, 2021

The Lowell Metropolitan Police Commission met in regular session on October 28th, 2021, at the Lowell Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

I. Roll Call

Commissioner Ray Borchert, present Commissioner Sharon Patterson, present Commissioner Becky Ruiz-Harbinson, present Commissioner LeAnn Angerman, present Commissioner Mark Schwartz, present Chief James Woestman, present

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE September 23rd, REGULAR SESSION Commissioner Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23rd, 2021, regular session, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz. 5 ayes, motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/EXPENDITURES

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

V. CHIEF'S REPORTAND THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES OR MEMBERS

Chief Woestman informed the Commission there were no officers out with COVID-19 related issues until the day before the Commission meeting. This officer will be out for three shifts, which brings the total shifts lost to 89.5 due to COVID-19.

Chief Woestman stated that the company who has reviewed the department's policies has determined nothing significant needs to be changed except a few minor tweaks and they will not be charging the town.

Chief Woestman stated the police department has purchased a new formal uniform.

Chief Woestman stated the department was able to purchase some new equipment for the workout room with savings from health insurance costs.

Chief Woestman informed the Commission that the department was able to extend and expand the contract with Corral's Martial Arts using leftover training funds.

Chief Woestman stated the Lowell Police Department has partnered with the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department and Tri-Creek Ambulance Service to purchase community outreach signs regarding school bus safety.

Chief Woestman requested approval for an emergency hire. Commissioner Angerman raised questions on the emergency hire process and requested the town attorney be consulted on waiving the physical assessment.

VI. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS There were none.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Patterson made a motion to approve the 2021 Certification and College pay, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Angerman made a motion to approve an emergency hire process, pending approval from the attorney on the possible elimination of the physical fitness portion of the process, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Harbinson. 5 ayes, motion passed.

IX. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Police Commission meeting was set for Wednesday, November 24th, 2021, at 6 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p m.

Ray Borchert, President

Becky Ruiz-Harbinson, Secretary