

LOWELL METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION
February 25th, 2021

The Lowell Metropolitan Police Commission met in regular session on February 25th, 2021 at the Lowell Town Hall.

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

I. Roll Call

Commissioner Ray Borchert, present
Commissioner Doug Parker, absent
Commissioner Sharon Patterson, present
Commissioner Shane Tucker, present
Commissioner Becky Ruiz-Harbinson, present
Chief James Woestman, present

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE January 28th; REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28th, 2021, Regular session, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. 4 ayes, motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/EXPENDITURES

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

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

Chief Woestman updated the Commission on the status of Covid within the department. Chief Woestman informed the Commission that he had checked into Lexipol and NIISSA for the rewriting of the departments policies and Chief Scheckel of NIISSA stated they do not revise entire manuals.

Chief Woestman stated the Crown Point Police Department donated two bikes to the Lowell Police Department that will need some minor refurbishing. These bikes will supplement the two bikes that are in the process of being purchased. He also stated that 9 officers have expressed interest in participating in the bike patrol unit.

Chief Woestman informed the Commission that defensive tactics training will begin in March and 13 officers have shown interest in participating.

Chief Woestman stated the interior of the station is being painted and updated.

VI. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Tucker asked what company the Chief recommended for the redevelopment of the SOPs after the Chief's research and Chief Woestman recommended Security Solutions.

Commissioner Ruiz-Harbinson made a motion to approve the redevelopment of the departments SOPs, seconded by Commissioner Tucker. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Lowell Town Council, to amend the Lowell Police Department General Order 8.1- Department Vehicle, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Borchert thanked Commissioner Piper for his role in getting General Order 8.1- take home of department vehicles amended.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

IX. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Ruiz-Harbinson asked if the Lowell Police Department will be participating in the national night out and Chief Woestman replied that it will be something the LPD will be participating in and planning for at a later date.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Police Commission meeting was set for March 25th, 2021 at 7 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p m.

Ray Borchert, President

Sharon Patterson, Secretary