

Rutland City Police Commission
May 13, 2019

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Tom Calcagni, Luther Brown, Chris Siliski, Chief Brian Kilcullen, Commander David Lachance, Sergeant Sam Delpha, Commander Sheldon

Not Present: Commissioner Michelle Fairbrother

Chairman Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 18:04 led by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Siliski to approve the April 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

Introduction/Recognition of police department members

Chief Kilcullen gives recognition, in December 'Shop with the Cop' program was a success. Officer Rajda's wife is a nurse at the Northwest school and she had heard about a student there, Sebastian, who wanted to meet and have a ride in a police cruiser. The young boy had written a letter to Santa and was chosen for the program and his wishes came true. Sgt. Mosher and Officer Rajda had bought plastic handcuffs and a nurf gun and brought the gifts to Sebastian's residence where he was able to play with the lights and check out the police cruiser. Officer Rajda went above and beyond his work duties to make a positive impact on this child's life. A letter of commendation has been written by Commander Sheldon and put in Officer Rajda's file.

Public Comment

Rutland Resident Ralph Sugretti of 57 N Main St, Rutland City, is present to address the Police Commission. He wanted to make them aware of the complaints he has made to the Rutland City Police. These issues will be forwarded to Rutland Mental Health.

There was another complaint that was received over the weekend from John Perron who was arrested in 2016 and had filed a complaint dated 4.22.16 and signed on 4.25.16, that he was sexually assaulted during a pat down search. After review of the arrest on video, it was determined that the search was cursory and not intrusive, as there was no lingering contact in those areas. A memo was put in the file by Chief Kilcullen documenting his involvement of 5.24.19 offering to meet with Mr. Perron and to thank him for contacting him. The case was considered closed. Chairman Sargeant was contacted in May of the complaint that they didn't follow proper procedures and Chairman Sargeant had no reason to think that the situation needed to be looked into. Chief Kilcullen had sent a

letter to Mayor Allaire as to what the actions were and Mayor Allaire had asked him to look into it. Nothing needed to be done at that time in 2016.

Communication from the Union

Melissa Sharkis has stepped down as President of the Union and Officer Jeff Warfle has stepped in temporarily with a new Vice President.

Commander's Report

Commander Lachance reports that the funeral services for Al Grazini are tomorrow at 10:00am at Clifford Funeral Home.

The Corporal testing has been completed on 4.26.19 with 10 applicants taking the test.

The VCIC audit has been completed by Records Clerk Ryan Brady, who did a great job with minor issues with the policies and the policies will be addressed at the next meeting. Records Clerk Brady has updated the Towing Policy with improvements. They are continuing to add to the alarm list.

Cpl. Gorruso is back to full duty with no more medical reason to be out.

Officers Rosario and Maguire attended Death Investigation School and are ready to be assigned Death Investigators and are awaiting the signatures from the State's Attorney's office.

Det. Ashe of CFAC is on military leave for the month, therefore short of death investigators.

There are three in the background phase.

Sgt. Delpha reports that the roofing project is done and is looking good. The new support structures are set up and protecting the cables along the roof now.

Commander Sheldon reports that patrol is going good and nothing major to report.

The VT Police Academy graduation is set for next Friday, May 24, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Mapping Update

Chief Kilcullen will present the Rutstat presentation as Analyst Brad GoodHale is presenting at the New England, MA crime analyst conference.

He reports that they are focusing on the addresses that the department has been to 3 times in the prior two week period. He indicates that 14.6% of calls for service were to 3peat locations and then reports Sector by Sector with Walmart being at the top of the list for Sector 1 with a response of 10 times within the last 2 weeks and Price Chopper 10 times along with some residential areas. Sector 2 was not as busy as Sector 1, which is the Southwest Neighborhood, being mostly residences. In Sector 3, which is the east side of the City, has the Rutland Regional Medical Center at the top of the list. Sector 4 rarely have calls for service.

Next Chief Kilcullen shows the 6 year average of Part I crimes with some regularity to include: (coding may affect some of the averages)

Aggravated Assaults: 6 year average is 19 with 23 this year through 5/10
Robberies: 6 year average is 4 with 2 this year though 5/10
Burglaries - Forced: 6 year average is 23 with 50 for this year through 5/10
Burglaries - no force: 6 year average is 16 with 6 for this year through 5/10
Larcenies: 6 year average is 49 with 53 for this year through 5/10

Chief Kilcullen reports that they have been reviewing the accidents and there are a lot on S Main St, Woodstock Ave and in the DEDACT areas.

The lines have been painted on Woodstock Avenue.

Budget Report

They are ten months through the year, over 83%, with 80% of the budget spent. We are just about where we usually are every year.

Chief's Report

4/19/19 - Traffic Committee Meeting focusing on faded signs that need to be replaced throughout the city. A request has been made to Officer Kevin Blongy to identify signs and parking meters that are problematic. Discussions held at to the parking issues/restrictions in front of the Bardwell House.

4/22/19 - Attended the groundbreaking of the Thomas Hubner Office Building at the Rutland Regional Medical Center

4/22/19 - Vicious dog hearing

4/23/19 - Preliminary matters have been discussed with the hotel coming to the pit and a public meeting set for tomorrow night.

4/23/19 - Met with State's Attorneys for a few hours to sort through matters

4/2/19 - DARE graduation for 5th graders after a six week program with Officer Blongy. There was a Mandella House graduation for one participant.

4/7/19 - Commander Lachance went to St. Albans to hear what they are doing with interdiction and he would like to get some training from the State's Attorney's office or the Attorney General's office to help identify behaviors indicative of crimes and is looking for tools for the officers to do those type of things.

4/15/19 - BCI attended an Understanding and Responding to Crimes Against Children at Bennington PD

4/22/19 - Corporal testing completed with results to be put out next week

5/1/19 - Tapestry annual affair open house

5/5/19 - Loyalty Day Parade, not well attended

5/7/19 - Vicious Dog hearing

5/8/19 - Board of Finance meeting on agenda to accept bid on BCI vehicle. \$13,795.00 with Power train warranty with 100,000 miles

5/9/19 - Project Vision meeting

5/10/19 - Chief Kilcullen was invited to Allen St School to play basketball and asked again to play on Friday.

5/14 and 15/19 - Commander Sheldon and Chief Kilcullen going to Stowe to attend a Law Enforcement Executive Summit sponsored by Homeland Security

5/20 to 22/19 - Det. Rosario and Maguire to attend an Investigating Children Training at the Holiday Inn

5/23/19 - Mediation with Federal Mediation and Reconciliation Services to begin with the City and the Union regarding the contract negotiations

5/23/19 - Police Memorial service at City Hall

5/24/19 - Graduation from the VT Police Academy at 10:00am

5/29 to 31/19 - Chief's Association Conference in Lake Morey

5/30 to 31/19 - Officer Rose to attend ARIDE training

6/3/19 - Mediation session

6/6/19 - Special Olympics Torch Run organized by Officer Misty Klementowski

Records Clerk Ryan Brady has been working on the new ID system and producing new IDs for everyone.

Two speed display units have been ordered through a grant and will be put up in the City. They are solar powered with battery backup.

A link to a half hour video for training on constitutional audits was provided by League of Cities and Towns and Sgt Delpha has requested everyone review it by June 3.

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Calcagni to go into Executive Session, under Title 1 Section 313a4, disciplinary or dismissal of public officer or employee . Motion passed 4-0 at 19:01.

Executive session

The executive session, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commanders Lachance and Sheldon, Sgt. Delpha to discuss matters that if disclosed publicly at this time, could place the City, the Department or an employee of the department at risk. Executive session ended at 19:38.

Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Calcagni and seconded by Commissioner Brown at 19:38. Motion passed 4-0. Adjourned at 19:38.

Submitted by:

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cc: Chief Brian Kilcullen
Mayor David Allaire
Police Commission
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Jeff Warfle