

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
33 LAUREL STREET
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644
MINUTES OF MEETING: January 9, 2023

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jill Marcus
Commissioner Rick Goodwin
Commissioner John Sousoulas
Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins
Commissioner Patty Austin
Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis

Also present was Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves.

The meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Jill Marcus.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the minutes from November 14, 2022.
Seconded by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chief:

Chief Mulhern provided an overview of the November 2022 Monthly Statistical Report. No significant changes. There was a robbery and a suspect has been identified.

Letters of Recognition – Letters of recognition/appreciation were received from the Branford Food Pantry recognizing the department’s donation of 71 turkeys as part of the “Give a Cop a Bird” annual food drive as well as a letter from a resident thanking Sgt. Konesky for his assistance.

Forfeiture Report – no change

The Chief reported that the department received approval for the 2023 DUI Grant. The department has two new vehicles are almost ready to be put on the road. A third vehicle is being upfitted now. Three additional vehicles should be delivered to the dealer soon. The anticipated price increase from Ford is approximately \$5,000 per vehicle. Budget preparation is starting. Equipment is stable but there will be an increase to the training schedule which may result in increased costs. The new recruits are doing well, the department is still two officers short.

Police Department Building Project – Deputy Chief Alves reported that the Public Building Commission held a special meeting on November 18, 2022. The PBC reviewed and discussed the RFP’s received for Construction Management Services. They voted to select Downes Construction as the CM for the project. Downes’ proposal was the lowest, they has extensive

experience in construction of public safety buildings and we're confident in their ability to provide the best finished product. Next step is to approach the Board of Finance and the RTM for an appropriation for pre-construction service to move the project to the design development phase and enter into contracts with Downes and Jacunski and Humes Architects.

Report of the Chair – Commissioner Marcuse advised residents particularly women to keep an eye on their personal belongings, particularly purses.

Chief Mulhern reiterated that everyone should take precautions, be aware of surroundings and lock doors, shut garage doors, etc.

Greg Jerolman addressed the board concerning a situation that arose at a BOE meeting when the police were called. He stated that the officers that responded in an extremely positive way and were professional and courteous.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk