

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2024 6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Mayor Jeff Caggiano, Chairperson
Commissioner Rory Ghio
Commissioner Dean Kilbourne
Commissioner Paul Lemieux
Commissioner Gloria Sapp Smith
Council Member Sue Tyler
Jon Mace, Board of Finance Liaison

ABSENT:

Commissioner Terry Lewis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

No awards.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 16, 2024 REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. REPORTS OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE REPORT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE AND PLACE ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Kilbourne.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS A-O AND PLACE ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. BPD MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Informational purposes only.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Interim Chief Morello

1. CALEA UPDATE

Interim Chief Morello and Accreditation Manager Officer Pelletier will attend the CALEA Conference in July 2024 to go before the Board of Commissioners who will vote on whether to give us Accreditation.

b. Police Commissioners

No old business.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Interim Chief Morello

1. Municipal Pole Attachment Fees for Cameras/License Plate Readers

Lt. Krajewski gave an overview of the municipal pole attachment fees for cameras/license plate readers. This contract has been forwarded to Corporation Counsel for review.

2. Traffic Division Requests

a. Approval of "No Thru Truck" signage to be added to Riverside Avenue (State Road) and Memorial Boulevard.

Council Member Tyler moved to APPROVE THE "NO THRU TRUCK" SIGNAGE ON RIVERSIDE AVENUE (STATE ROAD) AND MEMORIAL BOULEVARD, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

b. Approval of adding a stop sign for northbound traffic on Jerome Avenue and Shrub Road. Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE ADDING A STOP SIGN FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON JEROME AVENUE AND SHRUB ROAD AND REPLACE THE EXISTING STOP SIGNS WITH NEW SIGNS, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

c. Approval to apply and accept the grant for the Speed and Aggressive Driving Grant and the DUI Grant. These grants are 100% reimbursable.

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE APPLYING AND ACCEPTING THE GRANT FOR THE SPEED AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING GRANT AND THE DUI GRANT, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

3. Board of Finance Requests

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$6,000 FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND FOR MELNICK METALS AND FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Council Member Tyler moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$75,000 FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND FOR ESTIMATED DESIGN FEES AND FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE THE \$5,000 APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR THE THOMASTON SAVINGS BANK FOUNDATION GRANT TO SUPPORT THE CADET PROGRAM, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

4. FY 24 Bulletproof Vest Grant

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE APPLYING AND ACCEPTING THE FY24 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT FOR \$39,975 TO PURCHASE 41 NEW VESTS AND FORWARD TO THE CITY COUNCIL, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. Community Wellness Officer Position

A discussion was held regarding adding two new Community Wellness Officer Positions to the Police Department.

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to AUTHORIZE ADDING TWO NEW COMMUNITY WELLNESS OFFICER POSITIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL INCREASE THE BUDGETED NUMBER OF SWORN OFFICERS TO 124 WHICH WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CANNABIS FUND AND FORWARDED TO THE SALARY COMMITTEE, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

b. Police Commissioners
No new business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ghio moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 21st day of May 2024 was HEREBY ADJOURNED AT 6:55 p.m.

Lisa Ziogas
Recording Secretary