

CONWAY POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 20, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conway Police Commission was brought to order at 0830 hours on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. In attendance were Chief Edward K. Wagner, Lieutenant Joseph A. Faia, Lieutenant Christopher C. Perley, Chairman Theresa L. Kennett, Commissioner Robert F. Porter, Commissioner David D. Doherty and Recording Secretary Jill K. Dicey.

Payroll and disbursements were handed out and signed.

On a motion by Commissioner Doherty, and seconded by Commissioner Porter, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009.

Chief Wagner presented the proposed changes in the Promotional Eligibility Policy. The policy was reviewed.

On a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty it was unanimously voted to accept the proposed Promotional Eligibility Policy as presented

At 0835, patrol applicant Suzanne Scott joined the meeting for a general interview with the commission.

At 0845, Suzanne Scott left the meeting.

Chief Wagner reviewed the 2010 budget. Overall, excluding insurance and gasoline, the budget has increased approximately 2% over the 2009 budget. The \$2,500 for the motorcycle lease has been removed from the budget since one is being purchased with grant money. Two vehicles will be purchased in 2010 with the warrant article for cruisers. Ford is going to stop making the Crown Vic model in 2012 so a new style of cruiser will need to be considered, possibly the Dodge Charger. Also a future cost item will be equipment for the new style cruiser as the cage and such for the Crown Vic will not fit in a different car. Another SUV style may be considered. Commissioner Doherty suggested looking into the Chevy.

Chairman Kennett inquired about the 2009 budget status. Chief Wagner advised it should be at 25% and it is at 23.5%.

Chairman Kennett advised in order to be prepared to answer questions about being down several officers there should be a list of performance indicators to show what the sacrifice in service is when the Department is operating understaffed. Commissioner Doherty disagreed. Staffing issues are for the Commission only and should not be conversation during the budget process. Also, the Department will be back to full staff before the budgeting process begins so it will not be an issue.

Chief Wagner advised that he would be presenting his budget more like the school; it will not be presented with the insurance increases and other contractual increases. Commissioner Doherty asked what the insurance increase is. Chief Wagner advised the Town of Conway went up 9.4%. The Town is now on its own as it is now over 100 people. If we had stayed part of a larger group, the increase would have been 16.5%.

The Commission all agree to present the 2010 budget as prepared by Chief Wagner.

At 0909, a motion was made by Commissioner Doherty, and seconded by Commissioner Porter to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). The Commission was polled and voted as follows: Doherty, yes, Kennett, yes, Porter, yes. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was moved into non-public session.

At 1210, the regular meeting reconvened.

At 1210, on a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill K. Dicey,
Recording Secretary