

**BERLIN POLICE COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
PUBLIC SESSION**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 12, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:30 A.M.  
**PLACE:** BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Comm. Nault at 07:30 A.M.

**II. Roll Call:** Commissioners Nault, Comm. Tremblay, and Comm. Morin were present.

**Others Present:** Chief Buteau, Deputy Chief Roy, Lt. Zach Howry, Jenn Cloutier, Lt. Wade Goulet, Cpl. Dennis Gale, and Kodiak.

**Recorded by:** Kimberly Bijeau

**III. Acceptance of Minutes of December 8, 2022:** Minutes were unanimously accepted as printed, on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Morin.

**IV. Monthly Financial Report:** Discussion with reference to City Hall's request to slim down the number of account categories on the budget. Discussion with ref to training; use of force summit at the Mohegan Sun. The report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Tremblay.

**V. Old Business**

**A. ARPA Grant (School):** DC spoke with ref to the grant kick off. 216 hours to use in the school between now and the end of school year. Last year was a record year for detentions. Cpl. Gale did first (4) hour detail in the schools Monday.

**B. CIP's:** All that were presented passed through the CM.

**C. Other:** SRO; Lt. Dube not ready yet. Need to follow-up with the superintendent; as when last spoke to her they were still working on the grant.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Department Meeting:** Went very well despite the weather. DC went through the agenda from the meeting. Instructors were able to participate via zoom. COSSAP: Eric Adams from Laconia gave presentation. Awards were given out. Participated in team building games.

**B. K9 Presentation:** Cpl. Gale did a meet and greet with Kodiak. This is their 4<sup>th</sup> year working together. Gave stats including; call outs, assists to other agencies, drug seizures, several area searches, and demos within the community. New K9 cruiser is in operation. Discussion with ref to Kodiak's upcoming retirement and the need to purchase a new dog. There are several grant sources to assist with same. Hoping for a seamless transition.

**C. Budget Schedule:** Provided the dates for both budget hearing and initial proposal.

- D. Grant:** Granite Shield was approved and started with first detail last Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt Goulet provided discussion with ref to same. Grant runs through June 30<sup>th</sup> and includes six other agencies.
- E. City Events:** Winter Carnival is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> with ski jumping event. Ski jumping championships will be in February at the Nansen Ski Jump. Build-a-sled event may include BPD team vs. BFD team. Special Olympics Penguin plunge is scheduled for March 11th.
- F. Active Shooter Policy:** DC advised on same and update to the SOP's.
- G. AVH Safety Plan:** AVH has provided the dept. with the floor plan for the hospital. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor has many changes.
- H. Overdose Stats:** Lt Goulet provided stats for 2022. No reported overdoses to date for 2023.
- I. DCYF Meeting:** Lt Goulet provided brief on same. Reopened the line of communication as it had been a couple years. Had previously been meeting on a monthly basis. Discussion ensued on the issue with truancy.
- J. Faith Community Meeting:** Had one last year. Another coming up this month (next week); to discuss issues within the community.
- K. New Hire:** Jenn: hired per diem dispatcher. Due to start January 15<sup>th</sup>. Currently works at Shelburne Town Hall.
- L. Training:** DC advised on same. Gracie ground fighting training provided a few weeks ago here at the PD. Great for when subjects catch an officer off guard. Cpl. Gale advised on the Gracie Academy vs State DT training differences. Minimal use of force techniques that assist with decrease of injury to both officer and suspect vs. taser deployment.
- M. Statistics:** Statistics were reviewed and discussed. Question with ref to PC's vs IEA's; both are listed separately. Increase in drug related DUI's vs alcohol. Discussion with ref to DRE Cpl. Dumas. Discussion with ref to the prosecution of the drug related DUI's with use of DRE findings.
- N. Hiring:** Chief advised that Eoin Stapleton has resigned creating an additional opening. DC Roy: advised no conditional offers. New ride along starting next week.
- O. Correspondence:** Chief Buteau highlighted several thank you notes and cards.
- Vacation carryover memo sent over to City Hall
  - Mayors across the state dealing with homeless problem
- P. Other:** DC promotion and Lt Valliere on chair to 911 Committee.

**VII. Public Comments:** None.

**VIII. Adjournment of Public Meeting:** At 8:40 a.m., Comm. Nault motioned, with a second by Comm. Morin, to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (c), (d), and (e). The Commission entered non-public session by roll call vote with all members voting in the affirmative. Public session reconvened at 09:14 a.m. There were no decisions made in non-public session, and minutes were sealed on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Morin, carried unanimously by Comm. Nault, as their release could adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Commission.

Comm. Morin then motioned, with a second by Comm. Tremblay, to adjourn the public meeting; so moved. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 07:30 a.m.**