

7) Chief's Comments/Department Budget Update –

Budget - Chief Osanitsch stated the budget is in order. As usual, Dispatcher overtime is high and we will do a transfer from the salary line at the end of the year to compensate.

Chief Osanitsch also stated that the 2017/18 budget is not yet officially approved.

We are starting the process for the 2018/19 budget year and will be looking to hire a 5th Sergeant.

Commissioner Rachele asked how many part-time dispatchers the Department has and Chief Osanitsch answered one.

Comments –

- New Hire Status – We are accepting applications for the open position we have and for one potential retirement.
- Narcotic Enforcement – K-9 Progress – K-9 Abby graduated last week top in her class. She is a great asset already to the continuing drug battle.
- Opioid Education – This calendar year we have had 17 overdoses of which 5 resulted in death. These numbers would be much higher without NARCAN. The average age is mid to late 20's. We will be conducting a program in January at the High School called "Chasing the Dragon".
- DUI Enforcement Grant – DUI statistics are high. We were given a \$58,000 grant to conduct DUI enforcement.
- Sergeant Barry is taking over Supervision duties of NCMARS (accident reconstruction).
- Sidewalk snow removal – We have a snow removal ordinance in effect and tickets will be given to those that don't comply.
- Prostitution Arrests/Operation – We conducted a prostitution sting headed up by Captain Smith which resulted in 15 arrests and 6 warrant arrests.
- The Department hosted a 2nd Annual "Stuff a Cruiser" Toy Drive on December 2 which was a success collecting toys and cash donations to assist Social Services in helping families in need.

Commissioner Rachele initiated a discussion regarding patrol overtime. He stated that the two Sergeant open beats contributes to the large amount of overtime paid. He also commented that one patrolman made \$170,000 which he felt meant they were working too many hours. Chief Osanitsch replied that they are working within the guidelines of the contract. He also added that the two open beats is one of the reasons we need a 5th Sergeant.

Commissioner Rachele again asked about paying out vacation time rather than filling the beats created when vacation time is taken. Chief Osanitsch responded that the overtime budget is not large enough to compensate paying out vacation time.

8) New Business –

- a) Request by School Superintendent for a "no left turn" sign on North Street (west bound) across from entrance to parent drop off parking lot.

MOTION: To approve a “no left turn” sign on North Street across from the entrance to parent drop off parking lot.

James Szepanski
All in Favor, Motion Passed 6/0

Seconded by Michael Perry

9) Old Business –

Commissioner Rachele asked that the Noise Ordinance discussed in October be added to the January agenda.

10) Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Forschino commented on Mr. Bracken’s complaint about FOI submissions. He feels that a response is warranted from the Commission for all FOI requests regardless of who submits them.

Chairman Kulas thanked Michael Hannaford for his service to the Commission. He commended him for his Chairman role stating there is a lot more involved than just monthly meetings.

Chairman Kulas gave kudos to all involved in the successful Stuff-a-Cruiser event.

Chairman Kulas told Mr. Bracken that he did not know where his FOI correspondence is but will look into it.

11) Adjournment –

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:47 pm.

James Szepanski
All in Favor, Motion Passed 6/0

Seconded by Dan Squires

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler
Recording Secretary