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**ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

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COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO  
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH

COMMISSIONER JOHN BARTON

COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY  
COMMISSIONER NYJAHWAHN WALKER

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
Immediately following Traffic Authority Meeting  
Monday April 11, 2022**

**Unapproved Minutes**

Commission Chairman Barton called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 4:39 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Jack Barton  
Commissioner Christopher Carveth  
Commissioner Marian Hurley

**Commissioners Absent:**

Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo  
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker

**Also Present:**

Police Chief Robert Gagne  
Assistant Chief Max Martins  
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia

**Minutes**

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Reports**

**Activity of the Department:** Assistant Chief Martins discussed March statistics with the Commissioners. The Board was informed that there were 27 criminal arrests and 123 motor vehicle citations. There was 1 residential burglary, 2 stolen motor vehicles, and no recovered vehicles. In addition, there were 36

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larcenies and 64 motor vehicle accidents. There were 3,958 calls for service that generated 517 written reports. Assistant Chief Martins provided updates on the burglaries.

Chief Gagne reported that the Records Division took in report sales of \$40.50, parking tags of \$50.00, \$920.00 in permits, and record checks of \$20.00 for a total of \$1,030.50.

### **Expenditures**

Chief Gagne highlighted some expenditures from March including Sandra Jones preemployment psychological exam for A. Nastri, Dell Marketing for the server in the training room purchased through the JAG Grant, Stone Factory for new countertops in the equipment room, Dell for a computer for the equipment area and B&H for training room mechanicals also purchased through the JAG Grant.

### **Budget Balances**

Chief Gagne advised that all is in order, there are no concerns, but he is keeping a close watch on overtime. He also advised that monies to purchase the new vehicles were taken from open salary positions and the cars have been ordered.

### **Old Business**

2022-2023 Budget: The budget was approved as we presented with the exception of vehicles as mentioned above. It will go for referendum with the Town now. Short term capital will be decided upon in the May/June time frame.

### **New Business**

SOAR: Students of Orange Acting Responsibly, it is our in home developed modified DARE program which is more tailored to the needs we are currently experiencing. Will be primarily offered in 6<sup>th</sup> grade but components will be taught in all grades including the Middle School.

DEA Take Back: Chief Gagne advised that we are again participating in this event on April 30, 2022.

Citizens Academy: The Academy will begin at the end of April and take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:00. Commissioner Carveth will be presenting a session.

### **Correspondence**

Thank you letter from Don Krysynski thanking Christina DeRubeis and Jennifer Kornblut for their support and guidance through the fingerprinting appointment

Thank you letter from Anatasia LeBeau thanking Officer Martino who assisted her family in finding her daughter's lost cell phone.

Thank you letter from Charles Sherwood, SCCJA, to Chief Gagne for having Lt. Anderson serve on the oral board panel for the position of Sergeant in Newtown.

Thank you letter from the AMSO Counseling Staff to Det. Bailey thanking her for participating in their Career Fair.

Thank you letter from Sherri & Steve Swinkin to Officer Cafaro for his assistance with their dog.

Thank you letter from Maryellen Bespuda and the Bespuda and Holden families to the Department for all of their assistance with Walter Bespuda.

Chief Gagne asked that we take a moment of silence in honor of Walter Bespuda.

**Personnel**

Letter of resignation from Dispatcher Heidi Winchell. Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made a motion to accept with regret the resignation from Heidi Winchell. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Hurley, seconded by Commissioner Carveth made a motion to enter Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.** The Board invited Chief Gagne, Assistant Chief Max Martins and Board Secretary Kathy Gulia into Executive Session.

Christina DeRubeis joined the meeting at 5:06 p.m. and left at the completion of her interview at 5:12 p.m.

Board Secretary, Kathy Gulia left the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made a motion to bring the Board out of Executive Session at 5:57 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

At 5:58 p.m. Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made a motion to offer the position of Supernumerary Officer to Christina DeRubeis, pending the completion of the background investigation. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Carveth seconded by Commissioner Hurley, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary