

Berlin Police Commission Meeting Minutes Dec 20, 2023

The Berlin Police Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday December 20,, 2023 in the 'Doc' McIntosh Conference Room at the Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin CT.

In Attendance Chairman Steven Wilson, Vice Chairman Dave Rogan, Commissioners Paul Eshoo ,Melissa Urrunaga, Ryan Zelek and Sargeant Martin and Chief Matt McNally. Excused was Commissioner Melissa Urrunaga

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson at 630pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no correspondence to the Commission received.

Meeting Minutes .A motion to approve the November 15, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Paul Eshoo and seconded by Vice-Chairman Dave Rogan. All were in favor.

Audience of Citizens. No citizens were present to address the Commission.

New Business -Motion to **enter into Executive Session** regarding a hiring personnel was made at 632pm by Vice-Chairman Dave Rogan and seconded by Commissioner Ryan Zelek , all were in favor. Invited in was chief Matt McNally, and Candidate Roy Rafael Pena-Delacruz.

Motion to Exit Executive Session at 648pm was made by Commissioner Paul Eshoo and seconded by Vice-chairman Dave Rogan . All were in favor.

The Police Commission voted unanimously to hire candidate Roy Rafael Pena-Delacruz noting that the swearing in ceremony would be held at 9am December 21, 2023 in the Town Hall Rotunda.

Discussion regarding the Preliminary report concerned with Racial Profiling was addressed. Although the report has not been officially released, it has somehow found its way to the media. Chief McNally upon closer examination, argues the report's findings. Berlin officers are very professional. The report leaves out the traffic that transits the Berlin Turnpike. More buildings in town and along with an increase in people moving in. He cautions that statistics can be skewed to affect results. He is prepared and looking forward to defending Berlin against misleading allegations.

The Police Commission Meeting Schedule for January 2024 thru January 2025 was reviewed and some meeting dates were adjusted.

Chiefs Monthly Report. Chief McNally pointed out that social media is helping with keeping the public informed regarding Police activities in our town.

Additionally, it is assisting with bringing in potential candidates for the police department. Berlins PD social media team highlights officers and their work, this contributes to potential candidates taking a closer look at Berlin. This is great for morale as the department is still actively hiring.

There is a high alert for concern over places of worship from the Federal Level. With unrest overseas, in the middle east, Berlin PD will be doing more patrols, pursuing any and all suspicious behavior.

Building Renovations to the Police department have commenced, the project is moving forward and ready for demolition.

Investigative Division Report- There were no comments or concerns.

Youth Officer Report- there were no comments or concerns.

Support Services- Vice-Chairman Dave Rogan asked if there would be an police action report for this past Berlin Fair. Chairman Steven Wilson noted that many positive changes have been made to affect the departments handling of public safety.

Patrol Operations Division-Vice Chairman Rogan noted the good work done to address 'road racing'

Administration Operations-There were no comments or concerns.

Budget- Chairman Wilson inquired if Chief McNally had any issues with the department budget. Chief McNally advised overtime is an issue, but that is due to short handedness of officers.

Foi Log- There were no comments or concerns

Motion to adjourn at 715p was made by Vice-Chairman Rogan and seconded by Commissioner Paul Eshoo. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by

Joan Veley

Recording Secretary/ Police Commission

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