

## **Town of Ulster Police Matters Meeting**

**October 2, 2025 at 4pm**

### **Pledge**

### **Roll Call**

Supervisor Quigley – Present  
Councilman Van Kleeck - Present  
Councilman Hayner – (Present) – Arrived at 16:12  
Councilwoman DeGroot - Present  
Councilman Schatzel - Present

### **Approve pervious minutes.**

A motion was made by Councilman Van Kleeck to approve the minutes from March 7, 2024, second made by Councilwoman DeGroot. Motion passed 3 aye, 0 nay. Note: Councilman Schatzel did not vote because he was not at the last meeting. Councilwoman Hayner was not present yet.

### **U.S. Marshall's Task Force**

Chief Berardi provided members of the board with a sample copy of a MOA for participation on the US Marshall's Task Force prior to the meeting for review.

Lieutenant Seyfarth provided an overview of what the task force can provide as far as training, equipment, and manpower for qualifying investigations. Lieutenant Seyfarth explained to members of the board the onboarding process and the reimbursement cycle. Any member assigned would be required to complete a time sheet and submit same to the Chief and to the Task Force supervisor. Reimbursement to the Town would be done on a quarterly basis.

Councilman VanKleeck made a motion to move the MOA to the October 16, 2025 board meeting pending Jason Kovacs review and approval. Councilman Schatzel second. All in favor - 5, opposed – 0.

### **IPVI**

Detective Sergeant Benjamin addressed the board and informed members on what IPVI is (Intimate Partner Violence Initiative.) This is an offender focused program designed to aggressively and proactively enforce domestic violence offenders. IPVI provides funding for overtime to complete forms and serve letters that are required to actively participate in the program. Supervisor Quigley requested a draft agreement to be sent to the board for review. Councilman Van Kleeck made a motion to get an agreement in place pending the boards review. Councilman Schatzle second.

## **ERPO – Extreme Risk Protection Orders**

Chief Berardi and Detective Sergeant Benjamin presented the board with an explanation of what an ERPO is and when we would need to file one. Both also explained the burden on the agency to file these in court and that there has been resistance from some judges to hear our case without legal representation. Chief Berardi advised the board that the UCSO utilizes the services of Bob Fischer to file ERPOs on their behalf. Councilman Van Kleeck made a motion for the Chief to speak to Jason Kovacks in regards to a possible agreement and bring that back to the board. Councilman Schatzle second.

## **Full-time Staffing**

Chief Berardi address the board regarding staffing levels within the department. He explained that the 2026 preliminary budget is posted and that there is an increase in the full-time line. Chief explained that there is currently 1 candidate on the Town list (Jonte Wright) and that he would like to move to hire him full-time. A civil service test for police officer was administered in September but we do not anticipate a new list of eligible hires to be available before the end of the year. Chief Berardi reiterated that part-time police officers are not the future of successful law enforcement and would like to see the full-time line continue to grow over time. Councilman Van Kleeck stated that an additional full-timer would save on overtime, bring the agency to proper staffing, and was safer. There was discussion on hiring PO Wright prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Quigley will run the numbers and update everyone on the budget to see if it was possible.

## **Flock Safety**

Lieutenant Seyfarth updated the board on the Flock camera system. The town was approved for 2 cameras and 2 LPRs under the grant. At this point, permission has been secured from private land owners for the placement of the equipment. 1 camera is to be installed by Swim King, 1 Camera is to be installed on the sign entering the Staples Plaza, 1 LPR is going to be installed in front of Stage One, and the final LPR will be installed near the Town Highway Garage sign. We are moving into the installation processes.

## **Lexipol**

The Chief provided an update on the policies. He stated that Officer Faulkner has reviewed a number of the policies and made some corrections. He stated that it is up to the department administrators to now review all of the policies and to get them implemented. Supervisor Quigley stated that we have been paying for the policy program for over a year and that he would like to see it completed by January of 2026. Councilman Schatzle requested more information on the policy program because he was not on the board during acquisition. Chief Berardi explained what the program is and an overview of how the system works.

### **Kingston Motel**

The Chief advised the board that he has secured a signed agreement with the Kingston Motel to provide contracted services. Officer will have the opportunity to work 4-hour block on an overtime basis and the Kingston Motel will be billed for the service. Initially there will be 3 shifts per week and the agreement calls for monthly reimbursement.

### **Booking Room**

Chief Berardi proposed a redesign of the current booking room with an emphasis on a better flow and security. The Chief stated that he has spoken to Don, who has building experience and he has agreed to help with the work. Supervisor Quigley requested Councilman Schatzle to meet with him to look at the project. Councilman Schatzle stated that he would help in any way that he can.

### **Vehicle Auction**

Chief Berardi reported that the auction had closed on F-150 and the black Ford SUV. The SUV had a high bid \$3,100 and the F-150 has a high bid of \$14,000. There was discussion on whether to accept the bid on the F-150 or if it would be better to sell the Nissan Titan and outfit the F-150 for Detective Fitzgerald. The Chief will look at both possibilities.

### **Light Duty**

Chief Berardi advised the board that Sergeant Short has an MRI schedule for November 10<sup>th</sup>. No further information was available. Additionally, there is no change to Officer Faulkner.

### **Motion to adjourn**

Councilman Van Kleeck, 2nd by Councilwoman Hayner

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant James A. Seyfarth