

**Town of Manlius Police Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2023
5:00 PM**

Present:	Heather Waters	Town of Manlius
	William Nicholson	Town of Manlius
	Dan Kinsella	Village of Fayetteville
	J. Robert (Bobby) Schepp	Village of Minoa
	Tom Pilewski	Village of Manlius
	Allison Weber	Secretary to the Police Committee

Attended Virtually: None

Attended In-Person: Bill Harris, Manlius.

1. The meeting was called to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. August & October Minutes

A motion was made by Member Schepp and Seconded by Member Pilewski to approve the minutes of August 23, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Member Nicholson and Seconded by Member Schepp to approve the minutes of October 25, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

2024 Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Member Schepp and Seconded by Member Nicholson to approve the 2024 meeting dates as follows:

- January 24, 2024 – Organizational Meeting
- February 28, 2024
- April 24, 2024
- June 26, 2024
- August 28, 2024
- October 23, 2024
- December 18, 2024

The motion passed unanimously. * The Committee adopted new meeting dates on January 24th, 2024.

Member Pilewski asked the committee for their thoughts on pop up cannabis dispensaries. Discussion ensued amongst the committee.

The committee requested more information from the Chief on how the department is handling the new cannabis laws and the pop-up dispensaries.

The committee also requested that the chief provide the committee with a staffing report.

Councilor Nicholson stated that SMTC has identified an area that includes all three villages for a pedestrian and cycling study. The committee discussed the benefits of including the department in that study. Further discussion ensued regarding traffic safety and speeding.

Member Pilewski asked for more information on how he could find the monthly reports created by TMPD.

5. Police Chief Report –Chief Jason Cassalia

Chief Cassalia submitted the following report to the committee:

- “Shop with a Cop” was held on Saturday, December 2nd. Members of the TMPD PBA, Administrative Staff, Town Hall Staff, Fayetteville Fire / EMS, local school districts and more participated to make this another wonderful year. Kids arrived, had breakfast, worked on crafts, then were paired for their shopping experience at Target with a TMPD member(s). Later they returned and all the gifts were wrapped by our volunteers, and they were treated to a lunch from Carrabba’s. A wonderful morning for all involved!
- Turkey Baskets were also another big hit this year. The PBA did a fantastic job ensuring local food banks received 160 dinners for local families for Thanksgiving.
- The agency has had significant criminal activity surrounding thefts of property from vehicles and the thefts of vehicles also. The agency has solved a considerable number of these crimes, identifying juveniles that have been involved in those thefts to include police pursuits and other criminal activity within the Town of Manlius and also within the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County.
- Chief Cassalia has been asked to speak at the Annual Meeting for the Onondaga East Chamber on January 11th at 5:30 – 8:30PM at the Calvary Club.
- The department is formulating the organizations 2024 Goals and Objectives that will frame the intent of the agency focus for the coming year. As the department builds these goals, we are paying significant attention to the comprehensive plan of the Town of Manlius, and the direction and needs of the Villages of Fayetteville, Manlius and Minoa. Conversations are ongoing.
- The department’s newest Police Officer selection, Luke Rufo, started the academy December 7th in Monroe County.

- The department has started the selection process again and are canvassing for the position of police officer with the intent to hire for a spring 2024 academy.

6. Correspondence / Discussion

7. Privilege of the Floor

8. Adjournment

With there being no further business to come before the Committee, Member Schepp made a motion, seconded by Member Nicholson to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Weber
Town of Manlius
Police Committee Secretary