



# DARIEN POLICE



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**POLICE COMMITTEE**  
**December 18, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Police Department Training Room**  
**1710 Plainfield Road**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in attendance were Aldermen Joseph Kenny, Ralph Stompanato and Eric Gustafson along with Chief of Police Greg Thomas and Deputy Chief Jason Norton.

**2. Public Comment and Communications**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 16, 2023 meeting**

Alderman Kenny noted a few minor errors on the October 16, 2023 minutes. Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The committee approved the minutes with minor modifications.

**4. Agenda Memo – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of (2) Ballistic Rifle Shields**

Chief Thomas briefed the committee on the need and uses of the (2) ballistic shields that the department currently owns. The current shields are over (10) years old and need to be replaced. A discussion ensued about where the current shields are stored, how they are deployed and how often they have been used by the department.

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**5. Agenda Memo – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of (1) Mobile ID Scanner**

Chief Thomas advised that the Safe-T Act made changes to the law regarding who officers may or may not take into custody. Officers are at times bringing people into the station to identify them. The mobile ID scanner will allow officers to identify people in the field so they will not need to bring people into the station.

Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**6. Agenda Memo – A Motion to Approve the Expenditure of Budgeted and Non-Budgeted Funds to Purchase (12) Patrol Vehicles**

Chief Thomas advised the committee that there is an inability to get vehicles delivered within this budget year due to delays from auto manufacturers. The department conducted research and found that Dodge could deliver Durango’s in about 3 months. This delivery time frame is much better than the 18 – 24 months delivery schedule for Ford or Chevy vehicles. Chief discussed how this purchase wasn’t a budgeted item but due to delivery delays, he would like to approve the purchase now. There are some budgeted funds left over from the administrative vehicle purchase. There are various special funds, that can be used as well (i.e. federal equitable fund, cannabis fund, e-citations fund, etc.). Factoring in the various funds plus the unused budgeted funds from the administrative car purchase, the City will need to use around \$200,000 of unbudgeted funds for this purchase.

Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**7. Agenda Memo – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of (1) Video Review Randomizer System**

Chief informed the committee that the department implemented the use of body worn cameras (bwc) in 2023. The Safe-T Act requires law enforcement agencies to submit an annual bwc report. One of the provisions of the report is that supervisors review a certain number of bwc videos chosen at random. This system will randomly choose videos for supervisors to review and complies with the Safe-T Act requirements. The committee discussed how videos are uploaded, tagged and redacted in the system.

Alderman Stompanato motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**8. Agenda Memo - Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property.**

Chief Thomas said due to recent house cleaning by the department, we are requesting to sell or dispose of several items that are no longer needed or operable.

Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The ordinance was unanimously approved.

**9. Next Meeting Date – January 15, 2024**

**10. Adjournment**

Alderman Stompanato motioned to adjourn seconded by Alderman Gustafson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Alderman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Gustafson

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Kenny

Alderman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ralph Stompanato