

A meeting of the Towanda Borough Police Civil Service Commission was held on February 7, 2022 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building located at 724 Main St, Towanda PA. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commission Chairperson Alec Garden.

Roll Call

Present when the meeting was called to order were Commissioners Alec Garden, Mark Henery, Ryan Eberlin; and Chief of Police Randy Epler

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2020 meeting with the addition of terms of office up for renewal as follows: Mr. Garden – 2026, Mr. Eberlin – 2024, and Mr. Henery – 2028 was made by Mr. Henery. Mr. Eberlin seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

Old Business

General discussion on the purpose of civil service. Chief Epler stated he is not looking to hire anyone full-time at this time, everything is still viable for rules to hire. Discussion followed on the hiring and grievance process. Mr. Garden asked Chief Epler how many full-time officers there are on the force; Chief Epler answered 6 full-time which includes himself. Chief Epler is civil service but he is not in the union because he is administrative.

Chief Epler stated he is in a three-year window to retire; Officer Ryan Edsell is considering to run for Magistrate in the Wysox office as current Magistrate Wheaton is retiring; Officer Bryan Bellows has been on the force almost eleven years, twelve years to be vested and then he may pursue something different. Chief Epler stated Officer Edsell will not make twelve years of vested service should he run and win the Magistrate position.

Mr. Garden asked Chief Epler for the names of the current part-time officers: Officers Mike Lamanna, Derek Campbell, Garrett Smith, Thomas Roberts, Briar Jenkins (also full-time with Troy Police Department), Don Stringham, and Detective Al Ogden. Chief Epler said Officer Briar Jenkins would look to civil service test. Military counts as civil service time.

Mr. Eberlin asked Chief Epler to keep Civil Service Commission of any turn over on the force.

New Business

No new business.

Next Meeting

The Commission shall meet in February of the next even year or as needed.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Garden and seconded by Mr. Eberlin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Laurie L. McGuire

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Recording Secretary