

# DISTRICT AUTHORITY MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD FOR PUTNAM DISPATCHER MICHAEL CAMPBELL WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A/C NORMAND PERRON, A/VC BRIAN MAYNARD, A/M KATHY NOEL-JOHNSON, A/M SHARON STEWART, A/M STEVEN GAGNON

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION A/VC BRIAN MAYNARD, SECOND A/M SHARON STEWART TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 10/10/2023 DISTRICT AUTHORITY MEETING AS PRESENTED. UV

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS:

TO: ACAR LEASING, FT. WORTH TX—G/L10-22-\$23.96-VEHICLE LEASE SOLD  
JOHN MIGLIACCIO, SOUTHBRIDGE MA—G/L10-21-\$75.10-1 VEH SOLD, 1 VEH MA REG  
HONDA LEASE TRUST, ALPHARETTA GA—G/L10-21-\$145.06-MV LEASE TRADED  
MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE TAX REFUNDS. UV

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: POLICE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER FERACE GAVE THE REPORT.  
DISPATCH CENTER RECEIVED 1039 CALLS IN OCTOBER 2023.

OFFICERS INITIATED 66 INVESTIGATIONS WITH 69 CRIMINAL OFFENSES REPORTED INCLUDING 22 FELONIES. A TOTAL OF 35 ARRESTS WERE MADE THAT INCLUDED 14 BY WARRANT, 16 ON SITE, AND 5 JUVENILES. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 27 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS, 17 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, THAT INCLUDES PRIVATE LOTS, AND 13 ALARM ACTIVATIONS.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TOTAL INCOME OF \$7,727.00 THAT INCLUDED \$7,137.50 FOR OUTSIDE POLICE WORK.

ON 10/9/2023, POLICE CHIEF FERACE PROVIDED A 2-HOUR BLOCK OF ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING & AWARENESS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE NE PLACEMENT SERVICES & TEEG AT THE PUTNAM ELKS CLUB. CHIEF FERACE RECEIVED POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM MANAGEMENT THAT THE TRAINING WAS VALUABLE AND WELL RECEIVED.

ON 10/18/2023, PUTNAM DISPATCH CENTER RECEIVED A 911 CALL REPORTING AN INDIVIDUAL, WITH A FIREARM, WAS INSIDE A RESIDENCE ON EDMOND STREET IN PUTNAM. UPON ARRIVAL ON THE SCENE, RESPONDING PUTNAM POLICE OFFICERS HEARD GUN SHOTS COMING FROM WITHIN THE HOME. TROOPERS FROM CT. STATE POLICE, TROOP D WERE REQUESTED TO THE SCENE TO ASSIST. PHONE CONTACT WITH THE OCCUPANTS INSIDE ADVISED THAT NO ONE IN THE RESIDENCE WAS INJURED, AND SUDDENLY, ALL OCCUPANTS FLED THE RESIDENCE, INCLUDING THE ACCUSED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. THE ON-SCENE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE ACCUSED, A CONVICTED FELON WHO WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL, WAS HAVING A PARANOIA EPISODE. HE WAS ILLEGALLY IN POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN AND RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRING OFF ROUNDS INSIDE THE HOME. PUTNAM POLICE OFFICERS RICHARD STRINGER, THOMAS OLSON, AND HAILEY GRIFFIN, ALONG WITH DISPATCHER MICHAEL RIVERS, PERFORMED ADMIRABLY UNDER FIRE AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CSP WERE ABLE TO BRING THE SITUATION TO A QUICK RESOLUTION AND EFFECT THE ARREST OF THE OFFENDER. POLICE CHIEF FERACE EXPRESSED HIS ACCOLADES TO THE ASSISTING SUPPORT PERSONNEL, DETECTIVES BART RAMOS AND DONNA BROWN AND CAPTAIN JUSTIN LUSSIER. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE EXCEPTIONAL PERSONNEL WE HAVE HERE IN PUTNAM. FORMAL ACCOLADES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ADDRESSED AT A FUTURE DATE. CHIEF FERACE RECEIVED A THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE OFFENDER'S MOTHER WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "I WANT TO THANK YOUR DEPARTMENT FOR THE AWESOME JOB THEY DID IN RESPONDING TO THE INCIDENT AT MY HOME ON WEDNESDAY MORNING OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>. ALTHOUGH IT WAS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE FOR ME TO HAVE THIS HAPPENING AT MY RESIDENCE. I THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THEIR HELP. FOR

**THE OFFICER I REMEMBER BY NAME: CAPTAIN JUSTIN LUSSIER, DETECTIVE BART RAMOS, OFFICER STRINGER, A TALL OFFICER WITH GLASSES I DON'T RECALL HIS NAME, A FEMALE OFFICER I DON'T RECALL HER NAME. I THANK THEM FOR DOING THEIR BEST IN MAKING ME FEEL COMFORTABLE DURING THIS OCCURRENCE. THANKS ALSO TO THE EMT'S THAT CAME TO CHECK ME OUT. I AM SO PROUD TO HAVE SUCH A CARING GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ALSO KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THEIR JOB DONE. I HAVE LIVED IN PUTNAM ALL MY LIFE AND THEY HAVE ALWAYS HAD GOOD OFFICERS, BUT I REALLY FEEL YOU HAVE THE BEST OF THE BEST. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE THIS IN THE WORLD. THANKS AGAIN, DONNA NASON."**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: FIRE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL GAVE THE REPORT. DEPARTMENT MEMBERS RESPONDED TO 16 CALLS IN OCTOBER FOR A TOTAL OF 171 MAN HOURS. PROBATIONARY MEMBER XANDER RUGGERI WAS TERMINATED EFFECTIVE 10/1/2023 DUE TO NOT ATTENDING FIRE CALLS, MEETINGS OR TRAININGS. PROBATIONARY MEMBER JONATHAN OLSEN WAS REMOVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT DUE TO MOVING TO CHARLTON MA. 15 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY TRAINING. THANKS TO DAVE RAMOS & ZAK BELLEVILLE FOR HANDING OUT CANDY AT THE TOWN'S TRICK OR TREAT. FIRE DEPARTMENT'S TANKER 178 IS NOW IN SERVICE AS OF 11/11/2023. ENGINE 278 HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM SERVICE. CHIEF CAMPBELL EXPRESSED THIS THANKS TO THE MEMBERS WHO ASSISTED IN THE REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT FROM ENGINE 278 AND SETTING AND MOUNTING THE EQUIPMENT ONTO THE NEW TANKER TRUCK. CHIEF CAMPBELL IS WORKING WITH RED TRUCK SALES OUT OF NEW YORK TO SELL ENGINE 278. CHIEF CAMPBELL EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO DISTRICT AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN NORMAND PERRON FOR GOING TO THE DMV TO SIGN PAPERWORK FOR THE NEW TANKER'S REGISTRATION. ALL THE NEEDED PAPERWORK IS IN THE HANDS OF THE JEWETT CITY SAVINGS BANK FOR THE TRUCK LOAN. APPROVAL OF THE LOAN HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE BANK AND WE WILL BE SETTING A DATE FOR THE LOAN CLOSING.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**MOTION A/VC MAYNARD, SECOND A/M NOEL-JOJNSON TO CLOSE MEETING AT 7:12 PM. UV**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**LUCILLE HERRICK  
DISTRICT CLERK**