Town of Ridgefield Police Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Location: Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
UNAPPROVED

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sharon Dornfeld (Chair), John Frey, Ralph Money & Stephen Riebling
ALSO PRESENT: Chief Jeff Kreitz, Major Nick Fowler & Amy Platt
ABSENT: Issy Caporale

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Motion by Ralph Money to amend the agenda by moving New Business A after Public Comment in consideration of Cpt. Durling's time. Seconded by Stephen Riebling. Motion carried 4-0. (Caporale absent.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion made by Ralph Money to approve the October Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by John Frey. Motion carried 4-0. (Caporale absent.)

   Motion made by Ralph Money to approve the October Special meeting minutes. Seconded by Stephen Riebling. Motion carried 4-0. (Caporale absent.)

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –
   Susan Betterly of Fairview Ave. questioned why Flock cameras are warranted in town. Chief Kreitz shared that the department opted to use ALPR's initially due to an uptick in stolen motor vehicles. ALPR's are also used to help the department investigate crimes when evidence is limited (e.g. a car's description is all that is known). Major Fowler added that the department's website offers a link to a Flock transparency portal.

   Andrea Beebe of Main St. shared concerns with the Commission about speeding concerns on Ivy Hill. She expressed concerns over misinformation about Flock cameras on social media.

3. **COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE**
   - **A. Voicemail** – None
   - **B. Written Correspondence**
     1) Received an email from Susan Betterly with questions regarding Flock cameras which were addressed during Public Comment.

     2) Jake Muller, Director of Public Works & Facilities, requested a letter of support to include with a LOTCIP grant proposal that would help fund pedestrian safety upgrades and the installation of a traffic signal at the entrance of the Ridgefield Recreation Center.

        Motion made by Ralph Money to provide a letter of support for proposed safety upgrades including the installation of a traffic signal at the entrance of the Ridgefield Recreation Center. Seconded by John Frey. Motion carried 4-0 (Caporale absent.)

4. OLD BUSINESS

- The PZC permit for a new golf driving range on Haviland Rd and Ethan Allen Highway has been withdrawn by the applicant.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Detective Division Commander's Annual Report

Cpt. Brian Durling presented an annual summary of Detective Division responsibilities, achievements and stats to the Commission.

B. Hwy Use Permit Applications were reviewed for 1) BGCR Turkey Trot 5K, 2) Main Street Tree Lighting, 3) Chamber of Commerce Holiday Stroll and 4) Bailey Avenue Holiday Market. All permits were approved by the Police Commission.

C. 2026 Officer's Survey — Tabled review of the survey until the December meeting.

D. Election of 2025/26 Officers

Chair Dornfeld opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairperson. John Frey was nominated. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Chair Dornfeld declared John Frey was elected Chairperson for the ensuing term by unanimous consent.

Chair Dornfeld opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary. Ralph Money and Issy Caporale were nominated. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken and Issy Caporale was elected Secretary for the ensuing term by majority vote.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Traffic / Sign Report – Submitted by Sgt. Matthew Seibert

An encroachment permit was requested from the State for a "Your Speed Sign" on Rte. 7 near Flobee's.

B. Training & Public Relations Report – Submitted by Cpt. John Knoche

In October, there were 11 foot patrols on Main Street and 807 security checks, including schools, bank checks, businesses, vacant properties, churches/synagogues and neighborhoods.

A total of 25 public relations calls/events took place in October, including: Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, Drug Take-Back Event, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and K9 demonstrations.

All 43 Officers attended one or more trainings during the month of October.

C. Department Statistics

Chief Kreitz shared the Department's monthly incident statistics.

D. Miscellaneous

The department launched a Community Survey on November 12, 2026.

Jessica Moffo has accepted the position of Probationary Animal Control Officer effective December 2, 2026.

Kevin Markert has accepted the position of Probationary Patrol Officer and will be sworn in on December 7, 2026 at Police Headquarters.

7. **UNION PARTICIPATION** – No Union business was discussed.

8. **Executive Session** – Chief's Goals & Performance Review was moved to the December meeting due to the Microsoft outage which prevented document sharing prior to the meeting.

With no further business, Stephen Riebling moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Ralph Money seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (Caporale absent.)

REMINDER: Next meeting Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 7:00pm