

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2010

1. Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

S. Smith
R. Roper
L. Mayfield
Mayor Mezzo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson

ALTERNATES:

A. Barnes
W. Bertotti
C. Ford

ABSENT:

J. San Angelo
B. Whitaker
D. Branco

Public: 0

Staff: 1

Press: 0

2. Chairman Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Chairman Smith appointed A. Barnes as a voting member in the absence of B. Whitaker and

W. Bertotti as a voting member in the absence of J. San Angelo.

4. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by A. Barnes to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on March 16, 2010.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on March 23, 2010.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by A. Barnes to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on March 30, 2010.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

7. Chief Edson requested that Agenda Items #7 & #8 be moved before Item # 16 adjournment as Sgt. Cammarata would be delayed. Chief Edson also requested that Item #15a be added to the Agenda to go into Executive Session to discuss the performance of Officer Kevin Zainc.

A motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by L. Mayfield to add Item #15a to the Agenda for discussion of personnel matter regarding Officer Kevin Zainc.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

Discussion: Chief Edson stated that we had a very successful awards ceremony last week on the 14th where the Mayor attended giving a very moving speech, and Commissioner Smith also attended. Chief Edson reported that Luis Martinez started in the Academy on Friday, April 16th leaving only two openings. One opening will have to wait until the first of the year to be filled and one may have to be delayed until the fiscal year beginning July 1st as all Department Heads are looking for savings this year. Chief Edson said that the job posting for the Deputy Chief's position was created, reviewed and issued along with the reading list of the candidates. We are working with the testing agent to firm up the availability dates of the examination for possibly late May or early June.

Mayor Mezzo reported that we are still \$1.25 million in the hole because the revenue from the State has been dropped which sums up the task we have on hand.

L. Mayfield inquired as to the number of individuals out on personal leave. Chief Edson stated this was nothing unusual as they are entitled to use their personal days.

A motion by R. Roper and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the Chief's monthly reports.

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Patrolman Kevin Zainc sent a memo to the Police Commission regarding his intention to pursue a four-year degree in Criminal Justice at Post University beginning in May of 2010.

State Senator Joe Crisco sent a note of congratulations to the Police Department on achieving the accreditation status.

Chief Edson received a note of thanks from the members of Beacon Hose Co. #1 thanking him and the Naugatuck Police Department officers for escorting the funeral procession of member Kevin Swan.

A notice was received from the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut, Inc. regarding their meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Savin Rock Roasting Company, 946 Ferry Blvd., Stratford.

The Harvest Moon Committee sent a letter to Chief Edson requesting closing off Division Street starting after midnight on Thursday, September 16th and on Friday and Saturday, September 17th and 18th, 2010. Set up time would be 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. both days. Chief Edson will request to close Division Street at the time they need.

Pat Wagner, Chair of the Naugatuck Park Commission, sent a letter to Chief Edson requesting the Police Commission review the site plan for the Gunntown project. The Park Commission also requests the assistance of the Naugatuck Police Department in opening and closing Gunntown Park daily.

Jamie Wilson, Chief of the Thomaston Fire Department, sent a letter asking for the donation of three light bars that our department has and no longer is being used per Captain Scully. Chief Edson informed the Commission that these light bars are no longer being used and are stored in the attic.

A motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by L. Mayfield that we authorize Chief Edson to donate the three light bars to the Thomaston Fire Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Captain Scully sent a letter to Police Commission Chairman Smith regarding the Citizen's Police Academy which begins Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

12. OPEN ITEMS: None

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

S. Smith asked that the discussion of the towing list be added to the Agenda next month. Chief Edson said we are required to put a notice in the newspaper which will be done in May as the towing contracts are renewed every June.

Presentation of Chief Edson's traffic study of South Main/Hotchkiss Streets school bus parking and business proposal was given. Chief Edson stated that the site was examined and we found no objections to the plan as submitted.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by Mayor Mezzo to approve the traffic study of South Main/Hotchkiss Streets school bus parking and business proposal.

14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

W. Bertotti informed the Commission that any vehicles four years or older have to go through emissions and was concerned about municipal vehicles not being done. Mayor Mezzo informed W. Bertotti that Nancy and Debbie in the Mayor's Office take care of the plates. Chairman Smith said this should be discussed with the Borough versus the Police Commission.

R. Roper suggested that we tap into the minority market when we begin to hire additional officers. Chairman Smith stated that he believes HR has expanded their scope to reach out further. Chief Edson said we have made a concerted effort to improve, and we just hired a Hispanic officer. Chairman Smith informed R. Roper that if he had any suggestions he could talk to HR.

Mayor Mezzo congratulated Chief Edson on the awards ceremony.

S. Smith expressed his congratulations as well.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING OFFICER KEVIN ZAINC:

A motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by L. Mayfield to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m.

16. Item #9 on the Agenda discussion/possible action regarding Grievance #2010-01 was tabled until the next Regular Meeting.

17. A. Barnes requested a copy of Officer McAllister's original letter regarding college. Chief Edson will obtain same and will mail a copy to Commissioners.
18. A motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by W. Bertotti to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commissioners at 7:50 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST: Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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