

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2009

1. Chairman Bottinick called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

L. Mayfield
S. Smith
A. Bottinick
J. San Angelo
Mayor Bronko

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson

ALTERNATES:

W. Bertotti
F. Barnes

ABSENT:

R. Roper
D. Branco

Public: 0
Staff: 1
Press: 0

2. Chairman Bottinick led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. **ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:**

Chairman Bottinick appointed W. Bertotti as a voting member in the absence of Ralph Roper.

4. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on January 20, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

6. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR LESS-LETHAL TECHNOLOGY:**

Chairman Bottinick began the discussion by citing portions of the town's charter which stipulate the duties of the Police Commission and the Chief of Police. His reason for doing so was to determine if the Commission needs to be involved in the decision to purchase tasers. L. Mayfield and J. San Angelo strongly recommended input from everyone as done in the past. Each Commissioner was polled for his/her opinion and information relevant to the subject matter. Chief Edson was asked to provide the guidelines for Federal Asset Forfeiture for Law Enforcement Agencies and the amount of money held in the Asset Forfeiture Account. A majority of Commissioners were in favor of the taser implementation. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next Regular Meeting in March.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL LATERAL TRANSFER DUSTIN LEVI:

Chief Edson reported that Dustin Levi will undergo his polygraph and psychiatric evaluation at the end of February. P.O.S.T. will make a judgment regarding Mr. Levi's training and credentials to determine the length of time he will spend in the police academy. Chief Edson further explained that the process for a lateral transfer from out of state takes longer to complete as opposed to hiring a lateral transfer from within Connecticut.

8. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports.

Discussion: Overtime and uncollected revenue from parking tickets was discussed. Chairman Bottinick and S. Smith will draft a letter to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses to recommend enforcement action by the Controller on unpaid parking tickets.

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Daniel Maxwell, Instructor of Criminal Justice, University of New Haven, thanked Chief Edson for the presentation given by Sgt. Brian Newman and Patrolman Bryan Coney to the Criminal Justice Club. This letter will be placed into their personnel files.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

J. San Angelo, Towing Subcommittee, asked Chief Edson about the signed contracts and yellow sheets.

W. Bertotti, Traffic Subcommittee, explained attempts made to resolve parking problems at Ana Donte's restaurant on North Main Street. Mayor Bronko said that he has been working with Borough Counsel and the D.O.T. to bring resolution to this matter.

It was agreed to switch Agenda Items #14 and #15

14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

F. Barnes discussed a parking problem brought to his attention by a resident of Scott Street which occurs during baseball season at Peter J. Foley field. It was agreed that when baseball season begins, officers will be instructed during roll call to patrol the area for parking problems.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING ALAN CROSSWAIT AND TOM GRANT:

A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by S. Smith to enter into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:22 p.m.

16. A motion by J. SanAngelo and seconded by W. Bertotti at 8:23 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at Town Hall, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Andrew Bottinick, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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