

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 21, 2009

1. Vice Chairman Smith 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  
R. Roper  
Mayor Robert Mezzo  
J. San Angelo  
B. Whitaker

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson

ALTERNATES:

C. Ford  
D. Branco

ABSENT:

W. Bertotti  
A. Barnes

Public: 0  
Staff: 2  
Press: 0

(R. Roper entered the meeting at 7:02; Mayor Mezzo entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m.)

2. Vice Chairman Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:  
  
Vice Chairman Smith appointed D. Branco and C. Ford as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo and R. Roper.
4. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on June 16, 2009.  
  
Discussion: None  
  
Vote: Unanimous
5. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by J. Mayor Mezzo to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on July 14, 2009.

Discussion: J. San Angelo expressed his concern regarding voting within a subcommittee meeting. Vice Chairman Smith replied that there were no votes taken, only a recommendation made which will be presented this evening.

Vote: Unanimous

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE VACANT OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN:

Vice Chairman Smith asked the Commissioners for their opinions regarding the vacant office of Chairman considering elections do not take place until October.

A motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by J. San Angelo to appoint Steve Smith as Chairman of the Police Commission.

Discussion: Positive comments were made regarding Steve's performance on the Commission thus far and it is a natural progression for the Vice Chairman to move into the Chairman's spot when vacant.

Vote: Unanimous

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

8. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief Edson presented his annual report. Discussion of workers' compensation injuries, hiring and overtime took place. Chief Edson addressed prior complaints made to the Commission. The first was the traffic study on Arch Street which will be given to the Traffic Subcommittee. The traffic signal on Rubber Avenue and Hoadley Street will require a study by the Borough Engineer. The last item was the Municipal Ticket Program proposal which Chief Edson said he would present to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses if Mayor Mezzo deems appropriate.

A motion by R. Roper and seconded by Mayor Mezzo to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Charles Marino, Naugatuck Historical Society, thanked the Police Union for the donation of yellow paint for the celebration of "A Day in the Emerald City".

T.H. Fitzgerald, Naugatuck Veterans' Council, thanked the Police Department for its cooperation at the Memorial Day Parade.

Paul Cunha, High Rock Shooting Association, requested assistance for the annual "Naugatuck Safety Awareness Day" to be held on September 20, 2009.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by L. Mayfield to allow the High Rock Shooting Association to conduct their safety day event at Naugatuck High School on September 20, 2009.

Discussion: Handgun safety was discussed.

Vote: Unanimous

Marilyn Osorio, Department of Children and Families, thanked Sgt. Steven Hunt and Detective Sean Simpson for providing her staff with Drug Training.

Edward Bozenski, Director of Security, Naugatuck High School, commended Officer Derek Poundstone for his outstanding performance as School Resource Officer during the 2008/2009 school year.

Annie Yates, Woodbury, CT, thanked Officer Ian Kosky for his highly professional assistance at an incident at Walmart on June 12, 2009.

Lt. Todd Brouillette commended Officer Jay Pugliese for his skills and contribution while working in the Detective Division during a temporary placement.

John Freire, Naugatuck, CT, thanked Officers Jonathan Slavin and Alan Crosswait for their kind and helpful assistance during two separate incidents.

Chief Edson and J. San Angelo discussed the positive behavior of officers and the public's satisfaction with police performance.

Correspondence will be placed into the personnel files of the above-mentioned officers.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE
12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE
13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Chairman S. Smith, Alarm Violations Subcommittee, recommended the Commission grant an appeal to Steven Scatena for his alarm violation based on information gathered by the subcommittee.

A motion by R. Roper and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the recommendation of the Alarm Subcommittee to waive the alarm violation for Steven Scatena.

Discussion: Mr. Scatena's 2009 alarm violations were of concern. Further discussion regarding voting during subcommittee meetings took place. It was agreed to investigate the correct procedure for subcommittees.

Vote: Unanimous

14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Mezzo, Chairman Smith, L. Mayfield and R. Roper welcomed new Commissioner Bruce Whitaker.

D. Branco also welcomed Commissioner Whitaker and questioned Chief Edson about the rash of break-ins in Naugatuck. Chief Edson said they are being investigated.

( R. Roper left the meeting at 8:05 p.m. )

C. Ford commended Officer Mark Pettinichi for assistance at in incident at CVS and welcomed Commissioner Whitaker.

15. Chief Edson distributed handouts from HR Director Deschenes regarding proper interviewing techniques. A special meeting of the Human Resource Subcommittee will be held to discuss interviewing police candidates. Mayor Mezzo urged the Commission to include the Borough's Human Resource Director at the meeting.

16. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by B. Whitaker at 8:11 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at Town Hall, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission

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