

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 15, 2009

1. Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

L. Mayfield  
S. Smith  
R. Roper

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson

ALTERNATES:

C. Ford  
W. Bertotti  
A. Barnes

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo  
B. Whitaker  
J. San Angelo  
D. Branco

Public: 2

Staff: 2

Press: 0

(L. Mayfield entered the meeting at 7:04)

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

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

Chairman Smith appointed A. Barnes, C. Ford and W. Bertotti as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo, B. Whitaker and J. San Angelo respectively.

4. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on August 18, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on September 1, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by C. Ford to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on September 3, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Linda Craig, 53 Conrad Street, commended Officer Michael Wawrzyniak for his actions regarding an incident at her home.

Jose Altimirano from the law firm of Fitzpatrick, Mariano & Santos informed the Commission the proposed alarm ordinance has been reviewed by his firm and seems to be in order. Mayor Mezzo had forwarded the document for their approval. Chief Edson will present the alarm ordinance to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses at the November meeting.

8. UNION BUSINESS:

Chief Edson informed the Commission of the upcoming promotional exam for the rank of sergeant. It will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Per the union contract, performance evaluations for the officers testing will be forwarded to the Commission. Within ten days prior to the exam, officers will have an opportunity to meet with the Commission to discuss the evaluations. Chairman Smith called for a Special Meeting to be held on October 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chief's Conference Room at the Police Department for matters concerning the performance component. If needed, a Special Meeting may also take place on October 8, 2009 for resolution of any issues that may occur from the first meeting.

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

C. Ford asked Chief Edson about the progress of the officers placed into the Detective Division on a temporary basis. Chief Edson reported he was very pleased with the officers' performances and dedication to the assignment. Chairman Smith questioned the status of the background checks for the police candidates. Chief Edson said they were underway.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Patricia Natowich thanked the department for assistance she has received on several occasions.

Maureen LeBlanc, Connecticut Children's Hospital, thanked the department for its generous donation. Chief Edson said this was made possible through Wal-Mart.

Denise Hornbecker, Channel 3 Kids Camp, thanked Chief Edson for volunteering for the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association's Law Enforcement Day.

Fire Chief Charles Doback notified the Commission he is ordering the establishment of a Fire Lane Zone at 53 Conrad Street in front of Buildings #4 and #11.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS:

- a. Holding all Police Commission Meetings at the Naugatuck Police Department:

Chief Edson informed the Commission he has made a concerted effort to make the Police Department accessible to the public and provide a hospitable atmosphere to its visitors.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by A. Barnes to hold all meetings of the Naugatuck Board of Police Commissioners at the Naugatuck Police Department effective January 2010.

Discussion: C. Ford said the location could be changed if a large volume of people were expected to attend. Chairman Smith stated he will monitor this change in case it has a negative impact on the public's attendance. He said he will contact the newspaper to announce the change of venue.

Vote: Unanimous

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

W. Bertotti, Traffic Subcommittee, said he hasn't had an opportunity to pursue his traffic studies but plans on doing so in the near future.

C. Ford questioned the status of the Towing Policy. Chef Edson said certain problems voiced by the town towing contractors may be unfounded. Officers are complying with the notice of motor vehicle tow form.

14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

C. Ford expressed his pleasure regarding the Commission's choice of new police officers. He further stated that a resident informed him of an incident involving Officers Ryan Burns and Marc Robinson. Both officers acted very professionally.

Chairman Smith thanked the Commissioners for their time and patience during the police interviews and also noted Chief Edson for the part he played in the process. He reported the department underwent a mock accreditation inspection recently. Chief Edson said it went well and Sergeant Steven Hunt played an important role in the process. Chairman Smith informed the Commission of the success of Detective Ray Walsh and Patrolman Ian Kosky at a recent sniper conference held in Gastonia, NC. The officers won second place in the event. He said it was a great accomplishment for them and the department.

15. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by C. Ford at 7:41 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Monday, October 5, 2009 at the Police Department, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission