

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2009

1. Chairman Bottinick called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

L. Mayfield
S. Smith
A. Bottinick
R. Roper
J. San Angelo
Mayor Robert Mezzo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson

ALTERNATES:

W. Bertotti
C. Ford

ABSENT:

D. Branco
A. Barnes

Public: 1
Staff: 2
Press: 0

(Mayor Mezzo entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m.)

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 Mayor Mezzo. The Commission welcomed new member Christopher Ford.

4. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on April 21, 2009.

Discussion: S. Smith suggested a notation in the minutes to indicate exactly at what point in the meeting Chairman Bottinick entered. It was agreed to add to the minutes for this item.

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on May 14, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Douglas Ruscoe, 76 Sunset Drive, asked the Commission to forgo the penalties on his alarm violation because he has been making partial payment. Chairman Bottinick agreed to withhold the penalty payments if someone is making payments. Chief Edson said he will oversee this matter.

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

Chief Edson reported that Dustin Levi had failed his physical agility test and it has been determined that the conditional offer of hire should be withdrawn.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by S. Smith to authorize Chief Edson to notify Dustin Levi to withdraw his conditional offer of hire.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

8. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

The amount of overtime expended for the physical agility test was discussed as well as the amount used for motorcycle gang investigations. Alternate options for future testing were discussed. Traffic and funding issues regarding the Regional Traffic Unit, Region Accident Investigation Unit and DUI grant were discussed. Chief Edson reported a reduction in the amount of overtime needed for MRT recertification.

A motion by R. Roper and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Officer Colin McAllister informed the Commission of his intent to pursue a master's degree in Criminal Justice at Northeastern University.

Charles Sherwood, Director, South Central Criminal Justice Administration, thanked Chief Edson for permitting Captain Scully to serve as a panelist on the oral board for the rank of lieutenant.

Meredith Colasanto thanked Officer Daniel Norck for his assistance and compassion following a motor vehicle accident.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

W. Bertotti, Land Use, noted that he had neglected to submit minutes for the meeting he held in March with Ana Donte's and S.S. Transmission. He will hand them in soon.

J. San Angelo, Towing, noted that Chief Edson is revising the regulations. Chief Edson suggested the postponement of the annual public notice until he has finished his revision. He noted that the towers do not have a contract currently and DMV laws must be obeyed. He will contact the towers.

S. Smith, Alarm Violations Subcommittee, suggested a more frequent billing system for alarm violation notices. It was discussed to allow the Commission to have greater discretionary power regarding the alarms and amending the present ordinance.

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14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

L. Mayfield welcomed Mayor Robert Mezzo and Alternate Christopher Ford.

S. Smith reported that he and L. Mayfield completed a class at Naugatuck Valley Community College "Conducting Affective Meetings" which was very informational. He suggested other Commissioners take the course if it is offered in the future.

C. Ford said he is looking forward to learning from the Police Commission.

Mayor Mezzo said he is looking forward to working with the Police Commission.

Chairman Bottinick welcomed Mayor Mezzo and Commissioner Ford. He reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming PAC Association meeting on May 28, 2009. He handed out the list of subcommittees and their members offering new Commissioners the opportunity to join a subcommittee of their choice. Chairman Bottinick reminded the Commissioners of the schedule for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday and the attire for marching. He stressed the importance of communication between members. If errors are made, it is best to approach the person directly and avoid prolonged emails

15. A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by Mayor Mezzo at 7:51 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at Town Hall, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Andrew Bottinick, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission