

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2009

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

Those in attendance were:

COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Robert Mezzo
Ralph Roper, Jr. – Absent
Bruce Whitaker – Absent
James San Angelo
Linda Mayfield (Arrived 7:05 p.m.)
Steven Smith

DEPT. HEADS:

Chief Edson

Public: 0
Staff: 1
Press: 0

ALTERNATES:

Andy Barnes
Walter Bertotti
Christopher Ford
Domingos Branco - Absent

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

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Chairman Smith appointed A. Barnes for R. Roper, W. Bertotti for B. Whitaker and C. Ford for L. Mayfield.

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 July 21, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on July 28, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Commissioner Mayfield arrived at 7:05 p.m.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
7. A discussion was held regarding the eligibility list for police candidates. Chief Edson reported that 67 individuals passed the written test, and after consulting with the Mayor and H.R. Director, 47 people were interviewed as the H.R. Director felt that would give the greatest chance to meet our goals. Chief Edson reported that we presently have three openings and a fourth is pending. Chief Edson informed the Commissioners that the police candidates were interviewed by a panel of police officers and the testing agent as required by the State of CT POST Standards.

A motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by J. San Angelo to add to the Agenda an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel inviting in the Police Commission Alternates and Chief Edson at 7:06 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the eligibility list for police candidates as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by W. Bertotti to have Chief Edson call in nine candidates for an interview.

Discussion: Chief Edson asked the Commissioners to set dates for the interviews in order to invite the Candidates.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by J. San Angelo to have a Special Meeting of the Police Commission on September 1, 2009 and September 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Naugatuck Police Department for the purpose of conducting interviews for the police candidates.

Discussion: Chief Edson reported that we have three seats reserved at the Academy in October.

Vote: Unanimous

8. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the proposed Alarm Ordinance. Chief Edson reported that the Connecticut Police Chief's Association is recommending through its' Police Chiefs that communities having an existing Alarm Ordinance try to conform their ordinance through a model ordinance they developed. Chief Edson combined the Borough's existing ordinance and model ordinance for everyone's review. A discussion was held regarding the necessary modifications to the proposed ordinance that will be amended by Chairman Smith. Chief Edson also said that said Ordinance will be publicized via the website, newspapers, etc.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the proposed Alarm Ordinance.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

9. UNION BUSINESS: Sgt. Steven Hunt asked the Commissioners to consider moving the Police Commission Meetings back to the Naugatuck Police Department Training Room to be utilized. Chairman Smith asked that this issue be placed as an Open Item on the September Police Commission Regular Meeting Agenda for discussion/possible action. Chief Edson also made the same recommendation as he wants the community to think of the Police Department as a public building and not a fortress. The only way to accomplish this goal is to invite the public into the facility.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

10. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief Edson presented the results of two traffic studies which he will refer to the Traffic Subcommittee. They are Osborn Road/Davin Drive and speeding motor vehicles on Rubber Avenue Extension. Chairman Smith asked the Traffic Subcommittee to review Chief Edson's recommendations and report on these issues at the next Regular meeting. He also asked the Commissioners to follow some guidelines when they are acting on behalf of a Police Commission subcommittee. He suggested they work in pairs and notify the board of their intentions prior to visiting a location or speaking with a resident. Overtime earned for the oral interviews of police candidates and computer problems was discussed.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Francis McMullen, Superintendent Naugatuck Park Department, thanked the department for its assistance at the Fourth of July celebration.

A resident of 365 North Main Street sent a request for the installation of a Handicapped Parking sign in front of their home. This item was referred to W. Bertotti for the Traffic Subcommittee.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

13. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

14. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

W. Bertotti, Traffic Subcommittee, agrees with the findings of Officer Mark Pettinichi regarding Arch Street and Rubber Avenue/Hoadley Street.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the Traffic Subcommittee's recommendations and to direct Chief Edson to implement them.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

W. Bertotti, Land Use Subcommittee, visited a proposed building lot on Great Hill Road and found a problem with vehicles exiting the site. He suggested installation of a sign warning oncoming drivers of exiting vehicles ahead. Chief Edson informed W. Bertotti that he must put his recommendations in writing to the Zoning Commission.

J. San Angelo, Towing Subcommittee reported that some officers are not completing the required "Notice of Tow" form which contains important information for the towing companies. He asked Chief Edson to enforce its usage with the officers.

15. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Barnes informed the Commission of the schedule for the Sao Paio Festival to be held over Labor Day weekend.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by A. Barnes to allow closure of the necessary streets to hold the Sao Paio Parade.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

W. Bertotti requested a form of identification for recognition as a Police Commissioner. Some Commissioners currently have a photo I.D. issued from the department. Chief Edson said he will issue I.D.'s to any Commissioner who would like one.

16. A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by Mayor Mezzo at 9:00 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission