

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2008

1. Chairman Bottinick 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
A. Bottinick
Mayor Bronko
J. San Angelo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson

ALTERNATES:

W. Bertotti
D. Branco

ABSENT:

R. Roper (deployed to Germany)
F. Barnes

Public: 0

Staff: 0

Press: 0

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

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Chairman Bottinick appointed D. Branco as a voting member in the absence of R. Roper.

4. A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by D. Branco to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on October 18, 2008.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 10, 2008.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by S. Smith to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 28, 2008.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

8. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Overtime, training, hiring and uncollected revenue was discussed.

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Chief Robert Milano, Torrington Police Department, thanked Chief Edson for sending Sgt. Steven Hunt to participate in their oral panel for police officer.

Captain Jeremiah Scully notified the Commission of his intent to continue his education in police work.

Patrolman Ronald Pugliese notified the Commission of his intent to continue his education in Criminal Justice.

Deputy Chief Colleen Smullen, West Haven Police Department, thanked Patrolman Ronald Pugliese for his assistance during an automobile breakdown in Naugatuck.

Brenda Jordan, 84 Brookdale Lane, Waterbury, thanked Officers Ronald Pugliese, Peter Bosco, Jonathan Slavin and Lt. Joshua Bernegger for their assistance during a motor vehicle accident.

Chief Paul Fitzgerald, Berlin Police Department, thanked Chief Edson for allowing Officer Paul Markette to participate in "Operation Turnpike".

Jennifer DeWitt, Central Naugatuck Valley Regional Action Council, thanked Detective Steven Hunt and Patrolman Ronald Pugliese for their participation and support to the organization.

Rich Tavares, High Rock Shooting Association, thanked Chief Edson for the department's participation in their Naugatuck Safety Day event. He also thanked the Police Explorers and in particular Officer Ronald Pugliese for acting as liaison.

Linda Mayfield commended Officers Alan Crosswait and Ronald Pugliese for assisting an elderly citizen in financial distress.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

J. San Angelo, Towing Subcommittee, reported the results of his meeting with the towing companies. He said they had concerns regarding mandated fees and free towing. Chief Edson reported that the towing contract has not yet been signed. Mayor Bronko suggested J. San Angelo use CCM to determine towing fees for other towns in the state.

14. A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by D. Branco to **add to the Agenda Item 13a "Discussion and reformation of Police Commission subcommittees"**.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

15. DISCUSSION AND REFORMATION OF POLICE COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES:

Chairman Bottinick discussed the number of subcommittees that were no longer applicable. If needed in the future, they could be ad hoc subcommittees.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by D. Branco to decommission the following subcommittees: Finance & Budget, FOI, Union Negotiations, Grievances, Public Relations, Traffic, Property, ATV, Liaison to Park Department, Color Guard and Policies & Procedures; with the understanding that they can be added as needed as ad hoc subcommittees. The motion continued with Chairman Bottinick's appointments: Human Resource Subcommittee, Chairman L. Mayfield with all Commissioners as members; Land Use

Subcommittee, Chairman W. Bertotti with L. Mayfield as a member; Towing Subcommittee, Chairman J. San Angelo with W. Bertotti as a member.

Discussion: Chief Edson explained the accreditation process and the department's progress thus far. He discussed the importance of Policies & Procedures and Rules & Regulations.

Vote: Unanimous

16. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

W. Bertotti praised Officer Derek Poundstone's segment on Fox 61 news as the "Strongest Police Officer".

L. Mayfield reported a complaint of cars parking on the sidewalk on Oak Street. She was asked to instruct the complainant to call the police when there is another incident.

J. San Angelo commented on the "Click It or Ticket" program and Chief Edson's success with soliciting a cooperative effort with the Wolcott Police Department.

S. Smith thanked the department for assistance with alarm violations. He was pleased to receive the support of the Board of Mayor and Burgesses. He asked Chief Edson to move forward with the door tags and suggested alarm violations be processed quarterly instead of annually. Mayor Bronco asked Chief Edson to contact the appropriate town-appointed attorney to begin the collection process for alarm violations. S. Smith wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

D. Branco noted the amount of correspondence read at tonight's meeting. He applauded Chief Edson for the impressive comments received from the public regarding the actions of his officers.

Chairman Bottinick commended Chief Edson for the positive public relations. He noted that through the Chief's leadership, the Naugatuck Police Department has experienced an increase in favorable comments and a decrease in the number of complaints.

Mayor Bronco stated that Borough Charter addresses the extended absence of a Commission member and their removal from a particular Commission. He said the minutes do not reflect that Police Commissioner Ralph Roper has been absent due to being deployed to Germany. It was noted that effective immediately, he will be listed as "absent/deployed"

17. A motion by Mayor Bronco and seconded by S. Smith at 8:35 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at Town Hall, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Andrew Bottinick, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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