

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 19, 2011

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:

Steve Smith  
Ralph Roper  
James San Angelo  
Linda Mayfield

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson  
Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger

ALTERNATES:

Walter Bertotti  
Chris Ford  
Domingos Branco

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo  
Bruce Whitaker  
Andy Barnes

Public: 0

Staff: 0

Press: 0

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

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

Chairman Smith appointed D. Branco and C. Ford as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo and B. Whitaker respectively.

4. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by D. Branco to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on March 15, 2011.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

6. **UNION BUSINESS: NONE**

7. **PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:**

A motion by C. Ford and seconded by R. Roper to accept the Chief's monthly reports.

Discussion: Chief Edson reported that the 2011/2012 budget process was proceeding smoothly and the majority of his requests had been approved. The Commissioners commented on the current budget status specifically the surplus in the Overtime Account. Chief Edson was applauded for his efforts in the fiscal management of the department. Chairman Smith discussed the state ticket program with Chief Edson.

Vote: Unanimous

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Walter Wilkowski, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, thanked Chief Edson for supporting his investigations with the provision of security during a sentencing phase for a highly publicized federal sex tourism case. He specifically noted Lt. Todd Brouillette, Sgt. Ron Hunt, Det. Jack DeOliviera, Det. Ronald Pugliese, Det. Ron Blanchard, Det. Francis Cavanaugh, Det. Marcus Jacoboski and Det. Sean Simpson.

Kim Bottoms thanked Officer Jonathan Slavin for his effort in locating a missing family member.

Patricia Lawlor requested the placement of stop signs on both sides of the intersection of North Hoadley and Chestnut Streets. Chairman Smith referred this item to the Traffic Subcommittee with Deputy Chief Bernegger providing a line of sight study. It will be placed on the agenda for the May meeting.

Edwin Cole, LCSW Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Mobile Crisis Team, commended Officer Peter Bosco for his exceptional handling of an incident on April 9, 2011.

The Harvest Moon Committee requested the closing of Division Street on September 16 & 17, 2011 during their festival.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by R. Roper to give Chief Edson permission to perform traffic duty with the closing of Division Street for the Harvest Moon Festival.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Darcy Walsh thanked Sergeant Mark Pettinichi, Officer Luis Martinez and the third shift officers for their assistance.

Senator Joan Hartley congratulated Officer Tom Grant for receiving the Naugatuck Police Department's Life Saving Award.

Carol Ford thanked Deputy Chief Bernegger for the department's tribute to her sister Officer Nancy Ford Nichols on March 17, 2011 commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing.

Deputy Chief Edward Stephens, Interim Chief of Police of the Wolcott Police Department thanked Chief Edson for his assistance in allowing Officer Kevin Zainc and Pete to visit Wolcott High School in a routing check of school lockers. He also commended Officer Zainc and Pete for their professional manner in performing their duties.

The above-mentioned correspondence will be placed into the personnel files of the named officers.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

10. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

11. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

a. Discussion/possible action regarding requests for handicapped parking signs as reviewed by the Subcommittee for Traffic:

A motion by C. Ford and seconded by J. San Angelo to deny the requests to place handicapped signs at 21 Pond Street and 26 Orchard Terrace.

Discussion: W. Bertotti reported his findings to the Commission. 21 Pond Street had a handicapped sign attached to a fence and 26 Orchard Terrace had no cars parked in the area. It was agreed to proceed with caution when placing handicapped signs and to treat each request individually. Further discussion took place regarding existing signs in Naugatuck.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by D. Branco to accept the recommendation of the Traffic Subcommittee to approve the plans for the Bushka Lumber move.

Discussion: W. Bertotti conducted a visit to the area and did not find any traffic issues. He will notify the Zoning Commission of the approval.

Vote: Unanimous

Subcommittee for Alarm Violations received two appeal letters and will schedule a meeting for discussion of each.

12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Smith thanked Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger for conducting the Citizens' Police Academy. He found it very informative and encouraged other Commissioners to take participate in the academy. He also commended the department for the memorial service held for Officer Nancy Ford Nichols on March 17<sup>th</sup> and complimented the appearance of the Honor Guard.

W. Bertotti questioned when the study for snow removal and parking will take place. Deputy Chief Bernegger stated this project will take place in the summer.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING OFFICER KEVIN ZAINC:

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by D. Branco to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:18 p.m.

14. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by J. San Angelo at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at the Naugatuck Police Department, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: FOR:  
S. Smith  
R. Roper  
L. Mayfield  
J. San Angelo  
D. Branco

OPPOSED:  
C. Ford

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission

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