

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2011

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

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Steve Smith
Mayor Mezzo
Linda Mayfield
James San Angelo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger
Burgess Laurie Jackson

ALTERNATES:

Walter Bertotti
Andy Barnes
Stephanie Savoy

ABSENT:

Ralph Roper
Bruce Whitaker
Domingos Branco

Public: 1

Staff: 1

Press: 0

(Mayor Mezzo entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.; S. Smith entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.)

2. Vice Chairman Mayfield led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

Vice Chairman Mayfield appointed A. Barnes, S. Savoy and W. Bertotti as voting members in the absence of S. Smith, R. Roper and B. Whitaker respectively.

4. A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on August 16, 2011.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

(Mayor Mezzo arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Deputy Mayor Tamath Rossi, 100 General Patton Drive, commended the Police Department for their professionalism and courteous manner during Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene. She also thanked members of the department for the contributions she received when she participated in the Bob Veillette 5K road race. She commented on the friendly fundraising competition between the Fire and Police Departments.

(S. Smith arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

Burgess Laurie Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, requested the installation of “No Parking” signs at Legion Field/Millville Avenue. Deputy Chief Bernegger said he will look into this matter.

6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

7. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF’S MONTHLY REPORTS:

A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the Chief’s monthly reports.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

8. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

10. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

a. Traffic Subcommittee: Discussion/possible action regarding requests for handicapped parking sign at 15 Bradley Street and 21 Pond Street.

It was agreed to table this item until the next Regular Meeting. Deputy Chief Bernegger created an application to be used for handicapped sign requests which will then be reviewed by the Commission. Burgess Liaison Jackson was asked to speak to the members of the Board of Mayor and Burgesses for their support in enacting a policy to stop the future placement of handicapped signs in residential areas for on street parking. Chief Edson reported that Officer Favale is near completion in his inventory of installed traffic signs. Deputy Chief Bernegger noted the significant number of traffic signs installed in Naugatuck.

b. Land Use Subcommittee: Discussion/possible action regarding the Hillside Covenant Church application to convert a residence into a business.

Earl Lindgren of the Hillside Covenant Church explained to the Commission that the existing house owned by the church has been used as a manse for previous clergy members. Since the current minister owns his own home, the church would like to convert the building to business usage and bring in a tenant known as Wellpath, Inc. which is a children's counseling group. W. Bertotti said there are not any traffic issues with parking or line of site.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by L. Mayfield to support the change from residence to business and approve the land use application.

Discussion: Mr. Lindgren asked to have the Zoning Commission notified of the approval so that he can proceed with his plans at their meeting the following night. Chairman Smith and W. Bertotti said they would follow through with his request.

Vote: Unanimous

(Mayor Mezzo exited the meeting at 7:25 p.m.)

c. Traffic Subcommittee: Discussion/possible action regarding a request from Southwood Gardens for the installation of a flashing yellow light at their entrance on Rubber Avenue.

W. Bertotti and Deputy Chief Bernegger each reported that the traffic studies indicated the main problem with the entrance to the complex is the large piece of ledge that obstructs the site line. The traffic study revealed there were four motor vehicles accidents in three years which were not related to the entrance of Southwood Gardens. It was agreed to draft a letter to the management of the housing complex to explain that after a careful study of the area it doesn't warrant the installation of a yellow flashing light. Chief Edson reported that he will increase speed enforcement in the area and perhaps install some traffic signs.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING OFFICER NICHOLAS KEHOSS:

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by W. Bertotti **to move Agenda Item #12 to Agenda Item #13 and move Agenda Item #13 to Agenda Item #12.**

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

All of the Commissioners welcomed Stephanie Savoy to the Commission and congratulated her on her appointment as an Alternate.

L. Mayfield thanked the Police Department for their hard work during hurricane Irene.

W. Bertotti commented that an unknown Naugatuck police officer helped his wife carry her groceries to her house which was greatly appreciated.

A discussion of the department's fundraiser and ticket sales took place. Burgess Jackson reported that Pop Warner football is selling special t-shirts for the benefit of Officer Parady and her family.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING OFFICER NICHOLAS KEHOSS:

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by W. Bertotti to enter into Executive Session at 7: 40 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:53 p.m.

14. A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by W. Bertotti at 7:53 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at the Naugatuck Police Department, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission