

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2011

1. Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Steve Smith
Ralph Roper
James San Angelo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger

ALTERNATES:

Walter Bertotti
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo
Bruce Whitaker
Linda Mayfield
Domingos Branco
Chris Ford

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 A. Barnes and W. Bertotti as voting members in the absence of L. Mayfield and B. Whitaker respectively.

4. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on February 15, 2011.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on February 28, 2011.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chief Edson reminded the Commissioners of the memorial service that will be held at 8:00 a.m. on March 17th at the Police Department to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the passing of Officer Nancy Nichols in the line of duty. J. San Angelo questioned the expenditures in Overtime for snow shoveling. Chief Edson explained this was done at the request of Mayor Mezzo to remove snow from the high school roof. There were comments regarding the satisfactory budget status and the Chief's success in the management of overtime. He noted that a few accounts will have a shortage but Payroll and Overtime will have an excess.

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Chief Michael Gugliotti thanked Chief Edson for assistance to the Waterbury Police Department for the funeral of Lieutenant Michael Silva. He specifically noted Sergeant Bryan Cammarata's help in providing an escort for the large number of vehicles.

Acting Fire Marshal Robert Weaver thanked Chief Edson for assigning Detective Ronald "Jay" Pugliese to assist in a fire investigation. He further stated that it would be helpful to have access to Detective Pugliese for future investigations. Deputy Chief Bernegger said "Jay" will be assisting the Fire Department as needed which will help maintain a good relationship between departments.

A notice from the Police Commissioners Association was read for an event on March 30th.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

11. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

12. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

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

A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by R. Roper to Table this item until the April meeting.

Discussion: W. Bertotti said he had been occupied with personal matters and did not have an opportunity to view the areas. He will have the information at the April meeting. J. San Angelo commented on the handicapped parking sign on Scott Street in front of home which no longer has a special needs person residing. Deputy Chief Bernegger reported the department is currently working on an inventory of traffic signs in town.

Vote: Unanimous

b. Discussion/possible action regarding recommendations made by the Subcommittee for Alarm Violations at the Special Meeting held on February 28, 2011:

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the recommendations of the Subcommittee for Alarm Violations:

1. Gar-Kenyon – approve appeal
2. The Club – waive the violation for May 28, 2010
3. DiLeo’s Salon – deny appeal
4. Beck Residence – waive the violation on September 5, 2010.
5. Ground-Up – waive the violation on May 26, 2010
6. Delaney Residence – waive the violations on September 28 & 30, 2010
7. Hurt Residence – not received in a timely manner.

Discussion: Chairman Smith said C. Ford will create a letter for the appellants which will be sent through the Police Department.

Vote: Unanimous

13. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Barnes congratulated Officer Danielle Parady for receiving the award for “Officer of the Year”. He also congratulated Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger for supporting and motivating their officers.

W. Bertotti said he is proud of the Police Department and the absence of negative items in the press.

J. San Angelo questioned Chief Edson regarding a murder investigation in Maine and the relevance to the murder on Olive Street. Chief Edson replied this is a

confidential matter and there is no relationship to the Olive Street crime. J. San Angelo asked Chief Edson about the hiring list which is currently being worked on by Human Resources scheduled to begin in April.

R. Roper asked Chief Edson about the number of officers who are eligible for retirement. It was noted that three officers can retire in the next fiscal year, however, if an early retirement package is approved, there may be several more officers. R. Roper commented on the officers in New Haven who were laid off and the fact they are being absorbed by other departments. He asked Chief Edson if he would entertain the hiring of lateral transfers. S. Smith suggested a hiring list of lateral officers. R. Roper continued with a question regarding the formation of a physical training program in the department. Chief Edson stated this is an issue that must be negotiated with the Union and has many aspects that need to be addressed. R. Roper asked Chief Edson to consider having a physical fitness portion in place for promotions. Although this is something that must be negotiated, Chief Edson asked Deputy Chief Bernegger to make a note of this comment for union negotiations in one year.

Chairman Smith asked the Commissioners to review the hiring process guidelines. Chief Edson said the current selection process has yielded quality candidates. A brief discussion of the interview process took place.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING OFFICER PETER BOSCO:

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by W. Bertotti to enter into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.

15. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by J. San Angelo at 8:06 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Naugatuck Police Department, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

