

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 16, 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:

Mayor Robert Mezzo
S. Smith
R. Roper

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson

ALTERNATES:

A. Barnes
D. Branco
W. Bertotti

ABSENT:

L. Mayfield
B. Whitaker
J. SanAngelo

Public: 3
Staff: 3
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 as a voting member in the absence of L. Mayfield and W. Bertotti as a voting member in the absence of B. Whitaker.

4. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by D. Branco to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 19, 2011.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patrolman DaSilva, Moderator for the Explorers, introduced the Explorers that attended the Police Academy at the University of Hartford – Lt. Russett placed 1st in Domestic Violence Scenario, Sgt. Texiera took 2nd place in DUI Scenario and Corporal Toomey placed 3rd in Accident Reconstruction Scenario. Patrolman DaSilva also reported that the Explorers' community involvement include the duck race, car shows, Friday night football games, Walmart and Black Friday providing assistance to the Police Officers during these events. Chairman Smith, several Commissioners and Chief Edson commended the Explorers for their accomplishments.

6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE
7. Mayor Mezzo arrived at 7:15 p.m.

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

A motion made by W. Bertotti and seconded by R. Roper to accept the Chief's monthly reports.

Discussion: Chief Edson reported that we are in the beginning of a new fiscal year, and we have a new responsibility reorganizing the Animal Control facility. Chief Edson informed the Board that the four new part-time Animal Control Officers are being trained by Officer Carl Schaaf. Officer Schaaf has been assigned to Animal Control on a temporary basis training them with regard to writing reports, investigations and the radios. Painting and repairs are presently being done at the facility.

Vote: Unanimous

9. Chairman Smith appointed A. Barnes as a voting member in the absence of J. SanAngelo.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Smith read a letter from Southwood Gardens, LLC requesting the installation of a caution light at the entrance to 933 Rubber Avenue due to a recent bicycle accident at said location. This letter was forwarded to the Traffic Subcommittee and Borough Engineer for review.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

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

Chief Edson asked that this item be tabled as an open item for the next Regular Meeting as we are still waiting for information from the State and Deputy Chief Bernegger is working on same.

14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bertotti commended the Police Department as one of the finest in the State.

Commissioner Barnes stated that he needs permission for the parade route from the Railroad Station to the Portuguese Club on September 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion by R. Roper and seconded by Mayor Mezzo to give permission to the Portuguese Club to allow the parade route from the Railroad Station to the Portuguese Club on September 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Mezzo informed the Commissioners that Stephanie Savoy will be reappointed to the Police Commission next month as she has to resign as Bailiff first.

D. Branco noticed that when he drives up Route 68 each day, officers are on their cell phones while doing Private Duty.

15. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by W. Bertotti to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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