

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 16, 2012

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
Linda Mayfield

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Burgess Laurie Jackson

ALTERNATES:

Walter Bertotti
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo
Bruce Whitaker
James San Angelo
Stephanie Savoy
Domingos Branco

Public: 6
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 Mayor Mezzo 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 September 18, 2012.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by W. Bertotti to re-appoint Steve Smith as Chairman of the Police Commission.

Discussion: Everyone agreed they were happy with the current officers.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by W. Bertotti to re-appoint Linda Mayfield as Vice Chairman of the Police Commission.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by W. Bertotti to re-appoint Ralph Roper as Secretary of the Police Commission.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ALL OF THE COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTED THEIR APPOINTMENTS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

B.J. Forlenzo, 365 Spring Street, has issues with the volume of tractor trailers using Spring Street and the rate of speed they are traveling. This concern was referred to Chief Edson for a traffic study. The stealth unit will be set up to acquire traffic data.

Colleen Boncal, 70 Walnut Street, asked the Commission to determine the reason for an existing handicapped parking sign at 76 Walnut Street. The Traffic Subcommittee will review the matter. Ms. Boncal stated if the sign cannot be removed can it be placed farther up the street.

Burgess Laurie Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, thanked the Commission for the installation of a "Children Playing" sign and line painting.

Chris Pakula, on behalf of his father Stanley Pakula, 38 Greenwood Street, asked the Commission for the placement of a handicapped sign in front of his father's house. Stanley Pakula has a valid handicapped sticker for his vehicle. Since he does not have a driveway, parking and walking can be hazardous particularly in winter conditions. The Traffic Subcommittee will review the request.

6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

7. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chief Edson informed the Commission that police recruit Courtney Bothwell is graduating from the academy on Friday. Four vacancies still remain which results in greater overtime expenses. L. Mayfield questioned the “walking beat” assignment; however Chief Edson explained the need to suppress certain activity on Church Street. He did say that the patrol division will be absorbing some of this as time permits. R. Roper noted the increase in parking collections. Chairman Smith mentioned that J. San Angelo was researching the Municipal Parking Ticket Program with the Department of Motor Vehicles. It had been discussed at prior meetings to present this proposal to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses. Chairman Smith and Chief Edson decided to postpone this topic until J. San Angelo was present. Chief Edson was asked to provide parking ticket data for the next meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Deputy Chief Bernegger sent a letter of commendation to Detective Amanda Devan for her professionalism regarding an incident on October 5, 2012.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

10. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

11. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

W. Bertotti discussed the site cleanup at the former Peter Paul building site. Chairman Smith asked Chief Edson if the software issue regarding alarm violations had been resolved. The matter is still being researched.

12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

L. Mayfield asked about Officer Danielle Parady’s condition. Chief Edson reported that she is doing well.

13. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by W. Bertotti at 7:36 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

S. Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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