

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 17, 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:

Mayor Robert Mezzo
Steve Smith
Bruce Whitaker

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger
Burgess Laurie Jackson

ALTERNATES:

Stephanie Savoy
Andy Barnes
Walter Bertotti

ABSENT:

Domingos Branco
Ralph Roper
James San Angelo
Linda Mayfield

Public: 6
Staff: 0
Press: 0

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said prior to the meeting.

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

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

4. A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on June 19, 2012.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Frank Finkle, 10 Cotton Hollow Road, requested that trucks be prohibited from Cross Street. He also made a complaint regarding harassment from the truck drivers of the Haynes Company. Mayor Mezzo, Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger explained the reasons why his request could not be satisfied. Issues

regarding the trucking company will be investigated. Mr. Finkle will receive a response at a later date.

(B. Whitaker arrived at 7:07 p.m. S. Savoy was appointed as a voting member in the absence of J. San Angelo)

Burgess Laurie Jackson, 104 Margaret Circle, asked for assistance to deter skateboarding on the green due to property damage. Chief Edson said that extra patrols have been assigned to the area. Deputy Chief Bernegger stated that the Youth Division is working to create a better relationship with the teenagers of Naugatuck in the hopes of reducing police incidents.

Kelly Robertson, 15 Aetna Place, reported parking issues on his street. It was determined that the Zoning Department needs to review this situation. Deputy Chief Bernegger said he will explore this matter further as well.

Kevin Gilleo, 1277 New Haven Road, presented a letter to the Commission discussing the problems he and his wife are having with their next door neighbors. It was suggested to contact the Police Department for all incidents to establish a history of police calls.

Mike Pietrantuono, 111 Mallane Lane, introduced himself as a salesman for Hearing Protection Specialists hoping to do business with the Police Department.

6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

7. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chairman Smith asked Chief Edson to inform him when alarm violations will be mailed.

Vote: Unanimous

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

As stated above, Kevin and Darlene Gilleo submitted a letter discussing problems with their neighbors.

A form from the State Traffic Commission designating the Local Traffic Authority for the town of Naugatuck as Chief Edson.

Daryl Taylor, 11 Sande Avenue, commended Sergeant Peter Bosco and Officer Andre Moutela for being courteous and professional during an incident at his home.

Chief Kevin Halloran, Branford Police Department, thanked Detective Ronald “Jay” Pugliese for his commitment and expertise in digital forensic analysis which fortified a case within his department.

A letter from the Naugatuck Housing Authority requesting the installation of a traffic signal at New Haven Road/Weid Drive. They will be circulating petitions from area residents to support their cause. If a substantial number of signatures are received, this matter will proceed forward.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laurie Jackson, 104 Margaret Circle, stated that she will obtain the petitions.

10. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

11. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Traffic Subcommittee:

A. Naugatuck High School renovation: W. Bertotti reported that both he and Deputy Chief Bernegger had reviewed the area. Mayor Mezzo said the renovations will improve the traffic flow and bus time will be reduced.

A motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by W. Bertotti to approve the plans for renovation of Naugatuck High School.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

B. “No Parking” signs on Morris Street: Deputy Chief Bernegger reviewed the area and recommended restricting parking on both sides of the entrance of Union City Little League. It seems that parking frustrations arise during baseball season.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by S. Savoy to accept the recommendation of Deputy Chief Bernegger and have no parking at the entrance of the Union City ball field.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

W. Bertotti said that he was impressed with the new police vehicles.

B. Whitaker mentioned that Fred Fulcher of the NAACP had been hospitalized and would like to have Chief Edson call him.

Due to his absence at the last Regular Meeting, Chairman Smith offered congratulations to the newly promoted officers. He said it was good to see Commissioners in attendance.

Chief Edson told the Commissioners that the Regular Meeting for August will be held at the Town Hall due to construction in the dispatch area. Communications for the department will be temporarily located in the Training Room.

13. A motion by Mayor Mezzo and seconded by W. Bertotti at 8:05 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Town Hall, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

S. Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission