

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 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

ALTERNATES:

Stephanie Savoy
Andy Barnes
Walter Bertotti

ABSENT:

Domingos Branco
Mayor Mezzo
Ralph Roper
Bruce Whitaker
James San Angelo
Linda Mayfield

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger
Burgess Laurie Jackson
James Sperry, Kaestle Boos

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, W. Bertotti and S. Savoy as voting members in the absence of R. Roper, L. Mayfield and J. San Angelo 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 April 17, 2012.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by A. Barnes to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 3, 2012.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Laurie Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, commended Lieutenant Robert Harrison for his presentation to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses of the iWatch cell phone application being implemented pending an evaluation after one year. She also thanked Lieutenant Harrison and Officer Michael Favale for their attendance at the Neighborhood Watch meeting.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE RENOVATION OF NAUGATUCK HIGH SCHOOL:

James Sperry, ASLA, Landscape Architect, Kaestle Boos, Inc., presented plans for the renovation of Naugatuck High School. He discussed improvements to parking and bus routes. Concerns were raised regarding a faculty and Board of Education parking lot which exits onto Rubber Avenue without a traffic signal. This matter will be referred to the Subcommittee for Traffic and presented at the next Regular Meeting in June.

8. UNION BUSINESS:

Chief Edson reported the Union asked to table grievance #2012-03 indefinitely.

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS FOR PROMOTIONAL EXAMS:

Deputy Chief Bernegger stated that per the union contract section 29.01 candidates for promotional exams have the right to come before the Commission to discuss their performance evaluations. None of the candidates attended the meeting. There will be an agenda item for the Regular meeting in June to announce the results of the exams. Chief Edson said there may be another lieutenant's test in December. He further stated that he was not a fan of the performance evaluation component of the promotional process and would like to negotiate changes in the future.

10. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chairman Smith asked when alarm violations will be sent out. Chief Edson said it may be June if computer issues are resolved.

Vote: Unanimous

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

James Hennessey, 121 Morris Street, requested "No Parking" signs on Morris Street. This will be referred to the Subcommittee for Traffic and Deputy Chief Bernegger will have the area monitored.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Jackson asked Chief Edson about possible reductions in the 2012/2013 budget for tires and gasoline due to the new cars being purchased. She said this had been discussed by the Joint Boards the previous night. Chief Edson explained that he would need time to determine if there was a savings on gasoline usage. He further stated that he had given a complete explanation to the Joint Boards during his presentation. Burgess Jackson requested the Commission change the date of their next meeting due to high school graduation taking place on the same night so that she and Mayor Mezzo could be present for the promotion results. Chairman Smith said he would put the suggestion before his Commissioners, however, changing the meeting date would also change the Regular Meeting into a Special Meeting. Dates of 6/13, 6/18, and 6/20 were chosen as alternatives.

13. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

14. DISCUSSION OF MARCHING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MAY 28, 2012:

Chairman Smith said the Commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. in Union City to assemble for the Memorial Day Parade. He asked that white shirts be worn for the event. A separate memo will be sent to all Commissioners as a reminder.

15. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

16. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Barnes noted that traffic on Rubber Avenue is difficult in the area of A Better Way Auto due to cars entering and exiting the business. Chief Edson said he will look at the area but cannot tell a private business what to do. Deputy Chief Bernegger stated that the traffic signal in this vicinity is very old and doesn't operate in sync with the flow of traffic.

W. Bertotti announced his pending retirement from his position with the State of Connecticut. He was wished well by all.

Chairman Smith reminded everyone of the award dinner on May 30th for Chief Edson. He and Burgess Jackson will be working on behalf of Chief Edson towards obtaining a new contract for him with the Borough.

17. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by A. Barnes at 7:54 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at the Naugatuck Police Department, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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