

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2012

1. Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Steve Smith
Linda Mayfield

ALTERNATES:

Stephanie Savoy
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Domingos Branco
Mayor Mezzo
Ralph Roper
Bruce Whitaker
James San Angelo
Walter Bertotti

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger
Burgess Laurie Jackson

Public: 5
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 S. Savoy and A. Barnes as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo and B. Whitaker respectively.

4. A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by A. Barnes to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on February 21, 2012.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Laurie Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, commended Acting Captain Dean, Detective Pugliese and Officer Bailey for their assistance following a burglary at her home. She also thanked Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger for the police presence at Oak Terrace and noted Lieutenant Harrison, Sergeant Deeley,

Officers Favale and Robinson for their assistance. Burgess Jackson discussed the proposed Block Watch for the Senior Housing at Osborne Road and Weid Drive. She asked Deputy Chief Bernegger to give her a tour of the Animal Control facility.

Lucy Wysokinski, 40 Eagle Street; Mr. & Mrs. Klimas, 22 Eagle Street; Dennis Kosky, 41 Eagle Street appeared before the Commission to discuss their concerns regarding parking on Eagle Street, noise complaints and the placement of signs in the area. Chief Edson reported the department has been working to assist with these concerns. Sergeant Ireland has been in contact with the residents. Deputy Chief Bernegger said the department will re-assess Eagle Street to establish the appropriate signage for the area.

6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

7. 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 Chief Edson for the status of the new police candidates which resulted in the following:

1. Two candidates currently in the Meriden academy.
2. One candidate entering the Milford academy March 30th.
3. Two candidates entering the Meriden academy April 5th.
4. Possible candidates in the Bridgeport academy in May.
5. Possible candidates in the Meriden academy in July.
6. Possible availability for the New Haven academy.

Chief Edson said he will ask Mayor Mezzo to allow the department to temporarily exceed its approved headcount in order to prepare for the vacancies which will occur following the early retirement of additional officers in 2012.

Vote: Unanimous

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Ray Blum, Chairman Harvest Moon Festival Committee, requested the closing of Division Street on September 14th and 15th for the Annual Harvest Moon Festival to be held on the Town Green. Chief Edson said he will look into this matter.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Jackson asked Chief Edson about Lieutenant Dean's title of "Acting Captain" to which he explained that promotional exams will be taking place at the department soon and permanent ranks will be in place.

10. OPEN ITEMS:
a. Request for a "Slow-Children Playing" sign for Bird Road/Spruce Drive.

A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by L. Mayfield to table this item until the next Regular Meeting on April 17, 2012.

Discussion: Due to the absence of W. Bertotti, Chief Edson felt it was best to table this matter until Commissioner Bertotti was present. He will forward his notes to him prior to the next meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

11. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Chairman Smith informed the Commission that a Chairman was needed for the Alarm Violation Subcommittee due to the departure of former Commissioner Ford. S. Savoy has agreed to take the position.

12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

L. Mayfield commended Detective Blanchard for the number of arrests he obtained through his work detailed in the report from the Detective Division included in the Chief's monthly reports.

Chairman Smith offered congratulations to Officer Chip Schofield for receiving the Exchange Club award for "Officer of the Year". He reminded everyone of the award dinner in May for Chief Edson.

13. A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by A. Barnes at 7:40 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at the Naugatuck Police Department, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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