

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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:

S. Smith
R. Roper, Jr.
L. Mayfield
J. San Angelo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Burgess Laurie Jackson

ALTERNATES:

S. Savoy
W. Bertotti

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo
B. Whitaker
A. Barnes
D. Branco

Public: 0
Staff: 2
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 as a voting member in the absence of Mayor Mezzo and W. Bertotti as a voting member in the absence of B. Whitaker.

4. A discussion was held regarding a time limit for "Public Comments".

A motion made by W. Bertotti and seconded by J. San Angelo to keep public comments at a 5-minute limit during Police Commission meetings.

Discussion: None

VOTE: Unanimous

5. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 21, 2012.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Laurie Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, Naugatuck informed the Commissioners that both the Naugatuck Housing Authority and the Board of Mayor and Burgesses limit public comments to 5-minutes, and it has been working great. Laurie also thanked Lt. Dean and Captain Brouillette for getting the crosswalk painted near Cross Street School. Burgess Jackson inquired as to when Schmitz Avenue at Valley Drive will be done. Deputy Chief told Burgess Jackson that they have to finish downtown first.

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chairman Smith inquired about the walking beat. Chief Edson reported that we had two significant events, and the public felt that we weren't doing enough to make downtown safe. The walking beat was then implemented and was very successful. Urban Cuts is no longer in business, and the public's response was overwhelmingly in favor of the walking beat. Additionally, the officers' feedback was very positive as well.

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

R. Roper read a letter to Chief Edson from Donald Mroz, PhD of Post University commending Detective Amanda Devan in providing assistance to Post University's CSI Academy, a one-week summer camp for local high school students. Detective Devan's presentation was well received by the students, and Dr. Mroz stated that they looked forward to having her return to the campus in the future.

L. Mayfield read a letter to Chief Edson from Chief Karen Krasicky of the Plymouth Police Department thanking Officer Ian Kosky for being a panel member for an Oral Board Examination held on August 17, 2012 for the position of Canine Handler. Chief Krasicky stated that Officer Kosky was very professional, knowledgeable and courteous and did an excellent job interviewing the candidates for the position and worked well in conjunction with the other members of the Oral Board.

S. Savoy read a letter from Catherine Holloway, 24 Baldwin Street, Naugatuck requesting "Children Playing" signs on Baldwin Street. Chairman Smith authorized Chief Edson to look into said request.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Jackson commented as to what a great job was done on the Dispatch Center as both she and S. Savoy had a chance to see it prior to the meeting.

11. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

12. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

13. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

W. Bertotti inquired if the general speed limit was 25 mph if not posted throughout town as Trout Brook Drive has been a problem whereby cars are going 40-45 mph between 3-5 p.m. each day. Chief Edson stated that the Police Department would look into same, and yes the speed limit was 25 mph.

J. San Angelo asked how the newly promoted officers were doing and if they were being trained. Chief Edson stated that they are receiving on-the-job training, and Sergeants will be attending LEEDA classes. Chief Edson reported that the transition seems to be going well thus far.

R. Roper inquired as to how things were at the high school this year. Chief Edson said that Officer Robinson is at the high school as School Resource Officer, and Officer Coney is at City Hill School on a part-time basis and things are going quite well.

L. Mayfield asked Deputy Chief Bernegger if he ever spoke with Sibby as to how many times he has towed town vehicles. Deputy Chief stated that he had a brief conversation with Sibby regarding same; however, this situation is part of their towing contract.

Deputy Chief Bernegger stated that we now have a prescription drug drop-box in the lobby through the DEA. This will keep the drugs out of the hands of children and out of our drinking water. The Evidence Officer will maintain by filling out forms for the DEA, and the drugs are brought to a local incinerator.

J. San Angelo inquired about the collection of parking tickets. Chief Edson said there is a State program that we can apply for whereby individuals would not be able to register their vehicles if they have unpaid parking tickets. Chief will get the necessary paperwork to Burgess Jackson to resubmit to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses for consideration.

14. A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by W. Bertotti to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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