

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 19, 2013

1. Vice Chairman Mayfield called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Linda Mayfield
James SanAngelo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger
John Lawlor H.R. Director

ALTERNATES:

Walter Bertotti
Stephanie Savoy
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Steve Smith
Ralph Roper
Bruce Whitaker
Mayor Mezzo
Domingos Branco

Public: 1
Staff: 1
Press: 0

2. Vice Chairman Mayfield led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

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

4. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on February 19, 2013.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on March 1, 2013.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RENOVATION AT NAUGATUCK HIGH SCHOOL BY THE BOROUGH OF NAUGATUCK AND O&G INDUSTRIES SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISHING A TRUCK ROUTE AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF FILL AT THE SITE:

Loel Purcell, Preconstruction Manager, O&G Industries, addressed the Commission regarding the renovation at Naugatuck High School, her role in the project and the use of the Mather Corporation. The first phase involves the restructure of the athletic fields and removal of large amounts of fill. She submitted proposed routes that will be used by trucks to haul away the material. A dump site is unknown because negotiations are still in the works. Through discussions with borough officials prior to the meeting, the routes involving Millville Avenue, Field, Meadow and Church Streets have been eliminated. L. Mayfield expressed concerns regarding the Oxford route as well as Middlebury. Ms. Purcell agreed to remove them. It was determined that the proposed routes for Waterbury, Bethany and Prospect were acceptable. Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger noted the Whittmore Bridge has weight limits and would not be a viable route. The recommended direction for the trucks was Rubber Avenue to Cherry Street to Route 63 to Route 8 via the Salem Bridge. Ms. Purcell informed the Commission of the construction times. They are as follows:

Monday – Friday - 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – no hours

No weekday truck traffic between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. so as not to compete with school buses.

Renovations taking place at night inside the school will be conducted between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the truck routes as amended.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE SERGEANT’S PROMOTIONAL EXAM:

Human Resource Director John Lawlor presented the final results of the sergeant’s promotional exam which named Derek Vostinak as the new sergeant.

Officer Matthew DaSilva came in second place and will remain on the list for a period of one year per the union contract.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the promotional exam results as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

9. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

10. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Captain Todd Brouillette submitted a letter to the Commission notifying them of his intent to pursue his degree in college.

Pamela Ruccio thanked Officer Andre Moutela for his assistance in a motor vehicle accident on January 2, 2013.

Joanne DaPonte thanked Officer Andre Moutela for his assistance after her car was damaged on February 14, 2013.

Therese Roberts thanked the department for assistance during the snowstorm.

Bertha Gilchrist thanked Officer Matthew DaSilva for his assistance in helping with a family member suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Detective Ronald Pugliese submitted a letter to the Commission notifying them of his intent to pursue a law degree.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

13. OPEN ITEMS:

a. Installation of "No Parking" sign 17 Gus Street: W. Bertotti discussed his visit to the location with L. Mayfield. They were in agreement that the

installation of a “No Parking” sign would not be advisable. Deputy Chief Bernegger agreed with their decision. While the Commission was sympathetic to Mr. Sidella’s issues of commercial and delivery vehicles blocking his garage, installation of “No Parking” signs could not be warranted.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by J. San Angelo to deny the request to install a “No Parking” across from 17 Gus Street.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

14. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

15. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

W. Bertotti commented that over the years he has had relationships with other Police Departments but has not experienced any being as professionally operated as the Naugatuck Police Department.

J. San Angelo said that he had some concerns regarding the “active shooter” training that recently took place at the high school. While he thought it was a good idea, he felt the Board of Education should have notified all parents directly. Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger noted this was an exercise organized by the Board of Education with an invitation to the police department to participate.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING OFFICER JASEN MARKETTE AND DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATE QUESTIONS FOR THE POLICE COMMISSION INTERVIEWS BEING HELD ON APRIL 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH :

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by S. Savoy to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson, Deputy Chief Bernegger and Human Resource Director John Lawlor.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

THE REGULAR MEETING RESUMED AT 7:54 P.M.

17. A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by W. Bertotti at 7:55 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

L. Mayfield, Vice Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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