

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2013

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
Mayor Mezzo
James San Angelo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson

ALTERNATES:

Stephanie Savoy

ABSENT:

Ralph Roper
Bruce Whitaker
Linda Mayfield
Walter Bertotti
Andy Barnes

Staff: 4
Press: 0
Public: 5

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 R. Roper.

4. A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on June 18, 2013.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

6. A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by S. Savoy to move Agenda Item 14a to Agenda Item 5a.

Discussion: It was agreed to move the towing discussion to allow the towing companies present to be addressed earlier and not have to sit through the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TOWING APPLICATIONS:

J. San Angelo addressed the towing companies who were present in the audience. They were Sibby's, AT Transmission and ACE Auto Sales. He said that he wanted to hold a meeting prior to this evening but wasn't successful. It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting on July 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. for all of the interested parties to establish a towing list, finalize the contract and discuss regulations and concerns. Chief Edson said he will send a copy of the current towing contract to the Borough Attorney and all members of the Commission.

8. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRIEVANCE #2013-02:

A discussion took place concerning the need to temporarily change an officer's schedule due to an emergency situation, flexibility for management to implement initiatives as needed and H.R. Director Lawlor's input into this grievance. Union President Markette decided to withdraw grievance #2013-02 and Chief Edson said he would agree not to abuse the contract.

Mayor Mezzo left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRIEVANCE #2013-03:

Sergeant Derek Poundstone presented his grievance to the Commission with an explanation concerning the timeliness of it.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by S. Savoy to uphold the Chief's decision to deny grievance #2013-03.

Discussion: J. San Angelo questioned the Borough's obligation to pay Sgt. Poundstone the salary differential. Chief Edson provided the reasons for the denial of the grievance.

Vote:	FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTAIN:
	None	J. San Angelo S. Smith S. Savoy	None

The motion failed and it was agreed to pay Sgt. Poundstone the wages he requested.

11. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chairman Smith was informed that it is necessary to bring in more police candidates to be interviewed. Hiring lateral candidates was also discussed. Chief Edson said the application has been reposted and an officer from the Hartford Police Department is currently being considered. He suggested interviewing the candidate at the Special Meeting on July 30th. H.R. Director Lawlor must be present as well. Chairman Smith suggested interviewing the new police candidates early in August in order to enter the police academy in October. Chief Edson said Deputy Chief Bernegger will provide all of the information when he returns from vacation and contact Human Resources.

Vote: Unanimous

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve Heil thanked Officer Andre Moutela for his assistance concerning his lost wallet on May 4, 2013.

Barbara Grabowski thanked Officer Ryan Burns for driving her son Joe to school in a police car.

Charles Sherwood, South Central Criminal Justice Administration, thanked Lieutenant Bryan Cammarata for serving as a panelist on the oral board for the Orange Police Department.

Joe Grabowski thanked Officer Ryan Burns for driving him to school in a police car.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REVIEW OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR HANDICAPPED SIGNS:

Officer Michael Favale presented the applications and recommendations for handicapped signs. (See attached)

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by S. Savoy to approve the removal of seven handicapped signs in Naugatuck.

Discussion: Officer Favale explained the numerous attempts that were made to contact the residents in the areas where the signs were located. No responses were received.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by S. Savoy to accept the approvals to keep nine handicapped signs in place in Naugatuck.

Discussion: Officer Favale reported that all of the residents had complied with the application process. J. San Angelo asked him to check a handicapped sign on Scott Street because it wasn't on the list. Officer Favale was asked to attend the Special Meeting on July 30th to present his research regarding the towing companies that he was assigned to compile. Chairman Smith asked J. San Angelo to find the pros and cons of the current towing contract.

Vote: Unanimous

15. OPEN ITEMS: NONE
16. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE
17. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Smith reported that he will be attending college on Tuesday nights for the fall semester and will not be in attendance at the meetings. Vice Chairman L. Mayfield will run the meetings in his absence.

18. A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by J. San Angelo at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

ATTEST:

S. Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission