

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 20, 2013

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

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Steve Smith  
Linda Mayfield  
Ralph Roper

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson  
Deputy Chief Bernegger  
Burgess Laurie Jackson

ALTERNATES:

Stephanie Savoy  
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo  
Bruce Whitaker  
Walter Bertotti  
James San Angelo

Staff: 1  
Press: 0  
Public: 9

(L. Mayfield arrived at 7:05 p.m.; R. Roper arrived at 7:27 p.m. Burgess Jackson arrived at 7:19 p.m.)

2. Chairman Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. **ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:**

Chairman Smith appointed A. Barnes and S. Savoy as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo and B. Whitaker respectively.

4. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by S. Savoy to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on July 16, 2013.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by S. Savoy to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 30, 2013.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Verrelli, 25 Apple Blossom Lane, along with three of his neighbors from Fawn Meadows asked the Commission for help with speeding vehicles in their neighborhoods. Discussion of various options to reduce speeding took place. Chief Edson will conduct a traffic study of the area and the residents will be informed of the findings.

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chief Edson informed the Commission new technology is being introduced in the department with police officers being issued body-worn cameras. He explained the importance of having recorded evidence and protection for both police and citizens while in the line of duty.

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Chief Duane Lovello, Darien Police Department, thanked Lt. Steven Hunt for his assistance regarding electronic filing for State Accreditation.

Geri Gribinas thanked Officer Thomas McGarvey for his assistance during an incident on July 31, 2013.

Detective Amanda Devan informed the Commission of her intent to pursue a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology for the fall semester of 2013.

R. Bradford Oneglia, O&G Industries, Inc. thanked Officer Americo Tavares for his professionalism and assistance following a tragic accident that claimed the life of an employee.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laurie Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, questioned the status of parking on Church Street, thanked everyone for helping the residents from Fawn Meadow and commented on the newly painted parking spaces on Old Firehouse Road.

11. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

12. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Chairman Smith said police interviews had been completed and seven candidates will be moving forward in the process. He discussed the possibility of future interviews. Chief Edson noted there is currently only one opening and asked the Commission to postpone bringing in additional prospects.

Discussion/possible action regarding towing applications:

Officer Michael Favale presented the research he compiled to determine methods other cities and towns use for their towing purposes. He also reported the statistics for 2012 for the current town towing companies. Chairman Smith said the current policy needs to be re-evaluated. It was agreed that the borough's legal counsel should be consulted for this process. L. Mayfield suggested this process should be decided on by the entire Commission and not just the subcommittee for towing. It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to specifically address resolution of the towing policy. The date of the meeting is subject to the availability of Borough Attorney Ned Fitzpatrick. Officer Favale was asked to forward to the Commissioners towing policies from other communities prior to the meeting. This subject will be listed under "Open Items" on the Regular Meeting agenda for September.

13. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Barnes said the annual festival of Sao Paio will take place over Labor Day weekend. He asked for permission to hold a parade on August 31, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. commencing at the train station and following the same route as last year. He and Burgess Jackson informed the Commission that Jim Goggin has a road race planned for August 31, 2013; however, the route was unknown as well as the particulars for the race. Deputy Chief Bernegger said this information must be obtained in order for the Police Department to provide traffic control and public safety. Burgess Jackson said she would ensure that Mr. Goggin contact Deputy Chief Bernegger with the information once he returned from vacation.

Chairman Smith thanked the Commissioners for their participation in the interviews for police candidates.

14. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by L. Mayfield at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

ATTEST:

S. Smith, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission

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