

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2014

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 San Angelo
Ralph Roper
Stephanie Savoy

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger
Burgess Laurie Jackson
Burgess Rocky Vitale
Attorney Michael McVerry

ALTERNATES:

Andy Barnes
Ronald Blanchard
Jay Kuczenski

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo
Steve Smith

Staff: 0
Press: 0
Public: 2

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

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

Vice Chairman Mayfield appointed R. Blanchard and A. Barnes as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo and Chairman Smith.

4. A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on April 15, 2014.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

6. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED RETAIL BUILDING AT 42-46 PROSPECT STREET:**

Attorney Michael McVerry, 35 Porter Avenue, Naugatuck, presented the proposal for a retail building at 42-46 Prospect Street. The plans for the project were

reviewed by the Commission. The primary concern is the ability for motorists to exit the site onto Prospect Street given this is a narrow portion of the street with a large volume of traffic.

A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by R. Blanchard to approve the proposal with the recommendation of a "Right Turn Only" sign at the exit onto Prospect Street subject to the Department of Transportation final approval of the traffic pattern.

Discussion: There is concern for the traffic flow and the ability of drivers to navigate the busy area. Attorney McSherry informed the Commission that the demolition of the current building and the construction of a new one will result in the removal of 5600 cubic yards of fill.

Vote: Unanimous

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger reported he had just returned from a ten week session at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. He said the experience was extremely rewarding allowing him to interact with police personnel from 46 states 28 countries. R. Roper questioned the presence of overdoses due to heroin in Naugatuck as compared to other towns and cities. The new device officers are using to combat overdoses was discussed. An increase in Domestic Violence arrests was noted. R. Roper asked when the promotional exams will be taking place. Deputy Chief Bernegger said the contract provides guidelines for promotional exams and Chief Edson is following them. He stated that South Central Criminal Justice Administration will be conducting the promotional exams.

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Assistant State Attorney Jim Fletcher, Juvenile Court, thanked Officers Michael Markette, Andre Moutela and Detective Jack DeOliveira for their investigation and testimony in court.

Lisa Shappy, Executive Director United Way, asked to have roads closed for the 10th Annual Car Show on July 13, 2014 being held at the Ground Up company in the Industrial Park. The roads are Sheridan Drive and a portion of Great Hill Road.

John Bellemare, Touch-A-Truck Chairman, Boy Scout Troop 115, thanked Sergeant Derek Vostinak for participating in the fund raising event “Touch-A-Truck” and for bringing a police vehicle.

Nick Groves sent a letter of thanks to Officers Antonio Bastos, Danielle Bailey and Sergeant John Hutt for their assistance at an incident on April 22, 2014.

Charles Sherwood, South Central Criminal Justice Administration, thanked Sergeant Mark Pettinicchi for serving as a panelist at the oral board examination for the position of lateral entry police officer at the Danbury Police Department.

John DeBisschop, Pack #109 Committee Chairperson, thanked Officers Andre Moutela, Danielle Bailey and Ryan Burns for their participation in the Boy Scout Bike Rodeo on April 21, 2014.

Correspondence will be placed into the officers’ personnel files.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laurie Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, thanked Officers Matthew Sulek and Taylor Field for assisting her during a medical incident.

Rocky Vitale, 180 East Waterbury Road, welcomed Ron Blanchard and Jay Kuczenski as alternates. He expressed his concerns for the traffic situation at the proposed gas station on Prospect Street.

11. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

12. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Deputy Chief Bernegger discussed his concerns with parking on Rubber Avenue near Better Way Auto.

A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by R. Roper to approve the installation of “No Parking” signs from the corner of Hoadley Street to the property line of Better Way Auto and notification to businesses in the area.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

13. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

R. Roper welcomed the new alternates Ronald Blanchard and Jay Kuczenski.

S. Savoy congratulated Deputy Chief Bernegger on completing the FBI academy.

Vice Chairman Mayfield also welcomed the new alternates and congratulated Deputy Chief Bernegger.

J. Kuczenski said he was glad to be on board.

Deputy Chief Bernegger reported that Officer Matthew Sulek had resigned to take a position with the New Britain Police Department.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING OFFICER MICHAEL MARKETTE:

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by R. Roper to enter into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. inviting in Deputy Chief Bernegger.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.

15. A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by R. Blanchard at 8:06 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Linda Mayfield, Vice Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission