

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 19, 2014

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  
James San Angelo  
Stephanie Savoy  
Mayor Robert Mezzo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson  
Burgess Laurie Jackson  
Burgess Rocky Vitale

ALTERNATES:

Ronald Blanchard  
Jay Kuczenski  
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Linda Mayfield  
Ralph Roper

Staff: 0  
Press: 0  
Public: 0

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

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Chairman Smith appointed A. Barnes, J. Kuczenski and R. Blanchard as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo, R. Roper and L. Mayfield respectively.

4. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on July 15, 2014.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

Mayor Mezzo arrived at 7:07 removing A. Barnes as a voting member.

7. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

A motion by J. Kuczenski and seconded by A. Barnes to accept the Chief's monthly reports.

Discussion: Chief Edson reported the budget is still in referendum so spending is at a minimum. Promotional exams were administered today for positions of captain, lieutenant and sergeant. A Special Meeting may need to be called for the announcement of the new appointments. This is still pending due to the Union's decision. A discussion of openings took place noting there are candidates available. Chief Edson said no hiring will take place until the budget is adopted.

Vote: Unanimous

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

A Land Use application for a building addition to existing Metro Mart was given to S. Savoy.

Chief Vernon Riddick, Waterbury Police Department, sent a letter of thanks for the department's assistance in an armed robbery and noted Detective Jay Pugliese's computer technical expertise. A copy of this letter will be placed in his personnel file.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rocky Vitale, 180 East Waterbury Road, expressed his concern and opposition for the proposed gas station at the site of Vinnie's Pizza on Prospect Street. He questioned the Commission's position regarding approval. He was told the Commission has already reviewed the project and allowed it to go forward.

10. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

11. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

J. San Angelo reported the 2014/2015 budget reflects revenue of \$10,000 from towing. Due to the changes to the towing contract fees are no longer collected thus eliminating the revenue to the borough.

12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

J. San Angelo expressed concern regarding the Commission's lack of involvement in the budget process. Chairman Smith asked him to chair a subcommittee for budget preparation. J. San Angelo also noted the lack of involvement the Commission has in personnel matters. He questioned the actions

of the Human Resources department in lieu of bringing matters before the Commission.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by J. Kuczenski to add Executive Session for personnel matters to the agenda.

Discussion: A discussion took place regarding legal matters, union contracts, the borough charter and personnel issues.

J. San Angelo withdrew his motion. He asked Mayor Mezzo for the guidance of an attorney in matters of the Commission. Mayor Mezzo agreed but asked to be consulted beforehand.

13. A motion by J. Kuczenski and seconded by S. Savoy at 7:35 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September, 2014 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steve Smith Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission