

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2015

1. Chairman Savoy called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Stephanie Savoy
Steve Smith
Linda Mayfield
Ralph Roper

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger
Burgess Rocky Vitale

ALTERNATES:

Jay Kuczenski
Ronald Blanchard
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo
James SanAngelo

Staff: 4
Press: 0
Public: 0

2. Chairman Savoy led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Chairman Savoy appointed A. Barnes and R. Blanchard as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo and J. San Angelo respectively.

4. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on February 17, 2015.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Burgess Vitale questioned the use of volunteers at the dog pound. Deputy Chief Bernegger explained the borough's liability factor which doesn't permit the use of volunteers.
6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRIEVANCES #2015-01 AND #2015-03:

Officer David Pereira, Union Steward, requested Executive Session for the discussion of both grievances asking they be heard together.

A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by R. Blanchard to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield to oppose the Chief's decision regarding Grievance #2015-01.

Discussion: None

Vote:	<u>FOR:</u>	<u>AGAINST:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
	S. Savoy	S. Smith	
	R. Roper	A. Barnes	
	L. Mayfield		
	R. Blanchard		

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield to uphold the Chief's decision regarding Grievance #2015-03.

Discussion: None

Vote:	<u>FOR:</u>	<u>AGAINST:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
	S. Savoy	R. Blanchard	
	S. Smith		
	R. Roper		
	L. Mayfield		
	A. Barnes		

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by A. Barnes to accept the Chief's monthly reports.

Discussion: J. Kuczenski questioned the payment of overtime to officers facing discipline. Chief Edson explained they must be paid when asked to meet separate of their normal working hours. S. Smith commented on the large number of

parking tickets issued. Deputy Chief Bernegger reminded him of the many snow storms that occurred in February which caused the issuance of numerous snow ban parking tickets. R. Blanchard asked about the D.A.R.E. program to which Chief Edson explained it was not funded in this budget year and will not be funded in the next fiscal year either. He stated there is a lack of interest in the D.A.R.E. program from the town and the Board of Education.

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board of Education presented a certificate of Appreciation to Sergeant Derek Vostinak for his work in the school safety initiative.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

11. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

12. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

13. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

L. Mayfield asked if police officers work in any youth programs since D.A.R.E. has been discontinued. Chief Edson said there is some interaction with the Police Explorers to earn comp time.

S. Smith wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. He expressed his concerns regarding traffic on May Street/Osborn Road. The stop signs are not effective due to drivers' failure to obey them. Chief Edson asked the Commission to authorize the department to conduct a traffic study of the area. It was approved for the department to do so.

R. Roper asked about the use of a command survey in the department. He said it's a good way to get feedback from the officers. Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger discussed the survey that was implemented last year. Chief Edson said he will begin revision of the pursuit policy immediately. He stated he has been light-handed with discipline and has tried to use corrective training.

J. Kuczenski commended Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger for the jobs they are doing.

A. Barnes mentioned the many potholes in town and said the department has done well during all of the snow storms.

14. A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by S. Smith at 8:33 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Stephanie Savoy, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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