

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 21, 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

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger  
Captain Steven Hunt  
Burgess Rocky Vitale  
Burgess Robert Burns

ALTERNATES:

Jay Kuczenski  
Ronald Blanchard  
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo  
James SanAngelo  
Ralph Roper

Staff: 0  
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 R. Blanchard, A. Barnes and J. Kuczenski as voting members in the absence of L. Mayfield, R. Roper and J. San Angelo respectively.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE LAND USE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION FOR VERIZON WIRELESS SMALL CELL WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY:

A motion by J. Kuczenski and seconded by S. Smith to approve the plans submitted by Attorney Kenneth Baldwin for the Verizon Wireless small cell wireless telecommunications facility.

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger said he had reviewed the plans and did not find any issues with this application request.

Vote: Unanimous

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRIEVANCE #2015-04:

There were no members of the union present so Deputy Chief Bernegger said he would present Grievance #2015-04 to the Commissioners.

A motion by J. Kuczenski and seconded by S. Smith to enter into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. inviting in Deputy Chief Bernegger and Captain Hunt.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

L. Mayfield entered the meeting thus removing R. Blanchard as a voting member, he then exited the meeting.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m.

A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by J. Kuczenski to uphold the Chief's decision regarding Grievance #2015-04.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger presented the reports in Chief Edson's absence. He informed the Commission the current hiring list was compiled in March 2013 and has been nearly exhausted. There are six (6) candidates remaining and once their background checks are completed he would like to recommend the current list expire and start a new hiring process. Deputy Chief Bernegger further added that he presented the 2015/2016 Capital Budget on

Monday night and it went well. The department has been conducting active shooter training at the former Prospect Street School. Lieutenant Brian Newman chaired the state committee that produced a new curriculum for active shooter training now being used statewide. The department is also actively enforcing the Connecticut Distracted Driving grant program with significant results.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by A. Barnes to expire the current hiring list once the six candidates are through their background phase.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by J. Kuczenski to begin a new hiring process once the current list has expired.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Kathy Massicotte, teacher, Andrew Avenue School, thanked Detective Amanda Devan for her presentation at the Literacy/Technology Parent Information night.

Detective Lieutenant Toby Burgett, Painesville, Ohio Police Department, thanked Detective Amanda Devan for her assistance in an investigation in multiple bomb threats.

Officer David McDonnell, Watertown Police Department, thanked Officer Colin McAllister for teaching DUI Investigations at the Junior Police Academy.

Ray Blum, Harvest Moon Festival Committee Chairman, announced the Naugatuck BSA Troop 102 annual Harvest Moon Festival being held on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. He requested, as in the past, to close off Division Street for both days of the festival. He also asked for any demonstration/participation from the Police Department.

Acting Chief Lieutenant Nicholas Miano, Newington Police Department, thanked Officer Nicholas Kehoss for his traffic assistance during the Annual Officer Peter Lavery Memorial Motorcycle Run.

John Salatto, Principal, St. Francis- St. Hedwig School, requested enhanced safety measures implemented in front of the school. Deputy Chief Bernegger said a traffic study will be conducted and will be reported at the next Regular Meeting.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by J. Kuczenski to authorize a traffic study be conducted on Church Street at St. Francis – St. Hedwig School.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS:

a. Traffic Study of May Street/Osborn Road:  
Deputy Chief Bernegger produced a traffic study of the area performed by Sergeant Mark Pettinichi that determined there should be additional instructions on the traffic signs in the area to warn drivers of on-coming traffic.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by J. Kuczenski to accept the traffic study presented by Deputy Chief Bernegger.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Barnes mentioned there were traffic signs knocked down during the winter at the Portuguese Club and he wanted them re-installed.

S. Smith reminded the Commissioners of the Memorial Day Parade taking place in May.

15. A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by S. Smith at 7:35 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Stephanie Savoy, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission