

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 16, 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:

Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger  
Burgess Robert Burns  
Burgess Rocky Vitale  
Burgess Laurie Jackson  
Burgess Catherine Ernsky

ALTERNATES:

Jay Kuczenski

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo  
James San Angelo  
Ronald Blanchard  
Andy Barnes

Staff: 0  
Press: 0  
Public: 1

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

Chairman Savoy appointed J. Kuczenski as a voting member in the absence of L. Mayfield.

4. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by J. Kuczenski to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on May 19, 2015.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

L. Mayfield arrived – Chairman Savoy appointed J. Kuczenski as a voting member in the absence of J. San Angelo.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Rocky Vitale, 180 East Waterbury Road, thanked Deputy Chief Bernegger and Captain Hunt for assisting him with some concerns. He asked if

it's possible for the Naugatuck Police Department to work with the Waterbury Police Department's Police Athletic League. Deputy Chief Bernegger said he would look into this. Burgess Vitale wondered if the bicycle patrol unit has been active. He expressed concern regarding the skateboarders at Town Hall. Deputy Chief Bernegger informed him the bicycle unit has already begun patrol and he will address the issue of skateboarders with his patrol officers.

6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

7. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger reported the annual notice for towing companies had appeared in the newspaper. A new traffic signal is being installed at Naugatuck High School using surplus funds from the high school renovation. The bid process will be finalized by tomorrow. He gave the Commissioners a report from the State Traffic Administration addressing numerous changes the borough will need to make to its traffic signs, speed limits, sign placement and any other traffic matter not in compliance with state regulations.

Vote: Unanimous

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Savoy reported the only correspondence received was from three towing companies asking to be on the town towing list. Two are current towers and one is from out of town. Given the policy in place, only towers with a business located in Naugatuck will be considered.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by Jay Kuczenski to accept Sibby's Automotive, Inc. and A.T. Transmissions and Autobody as approved Naugatuck towers.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Rocky Vitale, 180 East Waterbury Road, questioned the use of only local towing companies as opposed to all available towers. Deputy Chief Bernegger said a new towing policy was adopted last year which had been thoroughly researched and approved by the borough attorney. Burgess Vitale also asked

about the expense of changing the traffic signs in town based on the traffic report. Deputy Chief Bernegger said the Police Department will absorb the costs.

Burgess Laurie Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, asked if police officers are still visiting schools during the day. Deputy Chief Bernegger said the day shift officers include visiting their assigned schools as part of their routine. She further stated that cars are parking on Rubber Avenue at dismissal time for Naugatuck High School waiting to pick up their children. They are blocking the entrance to the parking lot causing traffic back-ups and problems for other drivers. Deputy Chief Bernegger said he would look into her concerns.

Leo Bolduc, 9 Kent Street, discussed his concerns with a traffic issue at the intersection Mulberry and Kent Streets. He said a car exiting Kent Street cannot see clearly without pulling onto the street, creating a dangerous situation. He stated this has occurred since Fawn Meadow was constructed. He said the Street Department told him this is a police issue.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by J. Kuczynski to authorize the Police Department to conduct a traffic study of Kent and Mulberry Streets in the area of Fawn Meadow.

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger said the traffic study will enable him to determine if this is an engineering problem.

Vote: Unanimous

10. OPEN ITEMS:

- a. Traffic Study of Reutilization of the General Datacomm Warehouse:  
Deputy Chief Bernegger said he and Chief Edson met with the architect of the proposal who was able to share upgrades to the original plan. He did explain they would be subject to change as the project continues. Deputy Chief Bernegger discussed the difficulty of a proper traffic flow in this area due to the unusual set up of the roads.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by R. Roper to accept the Special Permit Site Plan Application for the reutilization of the General Datacomm Warehouse.

Discussion: It was agreed that this will be a challenging area to implement a satisfactory flow of traffic.

Vote: Unanimous

11. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

J. Kuczenski expressed his condolences to the Waterbury Police Department with the loss of their Deputy Chief.

Chairman Savoy asked everyone for a moment of silence for Deputy Chief Corbett of the Waterbury Police Department.

13. A motion by J. Kuczenski and seconded by L. Mayfield at 7:20 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Stephanie Savoy, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission