

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 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
James San Angelo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger

ALTERNATES:

None

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo
Ralph Roper
Ronald Blanchard
Andy Barnes
Jay Kuczenski

Staff: 0
Press: 0
Public: 0

2. Chairman Savoy led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS: NONE
4. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on June 16, 2015.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE
6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 1224 NEW HAVEN ROAD, LLC, AT 1188 NEW HAVEN ROAD:

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the Special Permit Application for 1124 New Haven Road, LLC at 1188 New Haven Road.

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger stated he did not have any concerns regarding the project.

Vote: Unanimous

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A BETTER WAY WHOLESALE, 18-30 RAYTKWICH ROAD:

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the Special Permit Application for A Better Way Wholesale, 18-30 Raytkwich Road.

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger said there were no issues with this project and would give them more room for their business.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield to **add to the Agenda Item 7A. Discussion/possible action regarding the Special Permit Application for HZM Petroleum Corp., 1198, 1202 and 1204 New Haven Road.**

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

7a. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR HZM PETROLEUM CORP., 1198, 1202 AND 1204 NEW HAVEN ROAD:

A motion by S. Smith and seconded L. Mayfield to refer this matter to Chief Edson to submit to the CT Department of Transportation for review.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

8. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chief Edson reported the 14/15 budget ended with a small surplus. The access control system has been installed on the top floor of the department.

He expressed concern regarding the number of officers in the department being reduced from 59 to 56. If another referendum is called for it will be necessary to layoff additional patrolmen. He said it is up to the next Mayor to decide what level of service they want to provide to the community. Deputy Chief Bernegger reported the written test for new officers took place in June with the oral boards being held on July 28th. He will then provide a list of candidates to the Commissioners. There is currently one vacancy with a seat at the academy in October.

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Holy Savior Church thanked Sergeant Randy Ireland and the Police Explorers for attending their Child Safety Day.

Sergeant Angelo Collazo, Bridgeport Police Department, thanked Detective Amanda Devan for her presentation in the field of social media.

All correspondence will be placed into the personnel files of the above-mentioned officers.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS:

a. Traffic Study of Kent Street and Mulberry Street:

Deputy Chief Bernegger reported he consulted the Department of Public Works and it was determined this area didn't require excavation, only shrub removal to improve the site line. The resident who had originally raised this issue is satisfied with the improvements.

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING SERGEANT DEREK POUNDSTONE:

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by L. Mayfield to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:22 p.m.

15. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

J. San Angelo said he has received complaints from residents and burgesses about the negative treatment they are receiving from police officers. He wanted to know if Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger had heard anything similar. When they said they hadn't, they encouraged him to let people know they have the right to file a citizen's complaint against a police officer. Chief Edson asked J. San Angelo if he could elaborate on the complaints and the parties who initiated the subject, he said he couldn't. He said he had already discussed the problem with Captain Steven Hunt.

16. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield at 7:27 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Stephanie Savoy, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission