

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2016

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
Mayor N. Warren Hess III
Linda Mayfield
Ralph Roper
Steve Smith

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger
Burgess Laurie Jackson
Burgess Rocky Vitale
Burgess Robert Burns

ALTERNATES:

John Alves
Al Rollinson

ABSENT:

Jim San Angelo
Andy Barnes

Staff: 7
Press: 0
Public: 2

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

Chairman Savoy welcomed the new alternates John Alves and Al Rollinson. Mayor Hess swore in John Alves and everyone applauded.

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Chairman Savoy appointed J. Alves as a voting member in the absence of J. San Angelo

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 January 19, 2016.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

George O'Donnell, 22 Hill Street, stated that his son had sent a letter to the department regarding speeding traffic on Hill Street. He asked if a speed bump could be implemented. Chief Edson said the letter had been received and the patrol division was made aware of the concerns. A speed bump cannot be utilized but he will authorize a traffic study of the area when the warmer weather arrives. Mr. O'Donnell will be contacted with the findings.

6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRIEVANCE #2016-01:

Union representative Sergeant Dan Norck and Officer Nicholas Kehoss presented Grievance #2016-01 requesting that a verbal warning received be changed to verbal counseling. Chief Edson explained police policies and state law.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield to uphold Chief Edson's decision to deny Grievance #2016-01.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chief Edson reported the 2016/2017 budget was presented on February 8th and thought it went well. He said there haven't been any cuts as of yet. Mayor Hess reiterated the request made on the night of budget presentation asking Chief Edson to demonstrate how filling the vacated positions will decrease overtime.

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Lorraine Ascencao thanked the department for assistance provided at the funeral of her husband Jose Ascencao. She cited Captain Steven Hunt, Sergeants Bart Deeley, Derek Poundstone and Mark Pettinichi, Detectives Ron Pugliese and Andre Moutela, Officers Jack DeOliveira and Alan Crosswait.

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

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

11. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

12. LAND USE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED HAIR SALON AT 24 GOLDEN COURT/451 NORTH MAIN STREET:

It was noted that this application had previously been submitted and approved by the Police Commission but was later withdrawn through Land Use.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by R. Roper to approve the Land Use Application for the proposed hair salon at 24 Golden Court/451 North Main Street.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

13. PROPOSED ATHLETIC FIELD ON OSBORN ROAD:

This project was approved at the December meeting of the Police Commission. A public hearing took place at which several issues and requests were discussed. Wayne Zirolli, Engineer for the Borough of Naugatuck and Public Works Director Jim Stewart suggested the possibility of installing speed humps on Osborn Road to control speeding vehicles in the area of the athletic field. Chief Edson stated the usage of speed humps is problematic for both motorists and the borough. They can cause damage, financial liability and do not solve the problem. Deputy Chief Bernegger reported that he has done research on this subject and found that speed humps have the opposite effect intended. Quite often drivers become more aggressive as a result. He recommended installing traffic signs and enhanced enforcement for the area.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by R. Roper to deny the request to install speed humps on Osborn Road.

Discussion: The Commission will issue a letter to Borough Engineer Wayne Zirolli informing him that speed humps are not a viable option for Osborn Road.

Vote: Unanimous

14. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING OFFICER ROBERT O'DONNELL.

A motion by Mayor Hess and seconded by R. Roper to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

- The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:01 p.m.
16. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

The Commissioners welcomed the newest alternates John Alves and Al Rollinson.

17. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield at 8:03 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Stephanie Savoy, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission