

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 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
Steve Smith
Linda Mayfield
Ralph Roper
Jim San Angelo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger
H.R. Director John Lawlor
Attorney Kevin McSherry
David Sullivan Traffic Engineer

ALTERNATES:

Andy Barnes
Al Rollinson

ABSENT:

Mayor N. Warren Hess
John Alves

Staff: 5
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 as a voting member in the absence of R. Roper.

4. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on February 16, 2016.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by J. San Angelo to accept the minutes of the Special Meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners held on March 1, 2016 and March 2, 2016.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

R. Roper arrived at 7:06 p.m. thus removing A. Barnes as a voting member.

7. LAND USE APPLICATION FOR PARCEL C CONSTRUCTION MAPLE STREET/WATER STREET:

Attorney Kevin McSherry, 38 Fairview Avenue, and traffic engineer Dave Sullivan presented plans for the construction of a medical facility, coffee shop, bank and restaurant on Parcel C located at Maple and Water Streets. Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger had previewed the plans at an earlier date and made their recommendations for changes to improve traffic flow. Attorney McSherry said they have been addressed but future developments to Parcels A&B could have an impact on Parcel C's plans. Chief Edson said he doesn't want to hold up progress on the project but to ensure traffic safety. Attorney McSherry said he would keep everyone posted as to any changes that may occur.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield to approve the Land Use application for Parcel C construction with the changes recommended by Chief Edson.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

8. LAND USE APPLICATION FOR DOG PARK/COMMUNITY GARDEN ANDREW MT. ROAD/WEST MT. ROAD:

Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger said their review of the area did not produce any concerns but did suggest the installation of "No Parking" signs on the roads once the park is developed.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by L. Mayfield to approve the Land Use application for a dog park and community garden on Andrew Mt. and West Mt. Roads.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

9. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRIEVANCES #2016-02 AND #2016-03:

Union representative Detective Ronald Pugliese and Officer Robert O'Donnell presented Grievances #2016-02 and #2016-03 requesting the revocation of the ten day suspension received by Officer O'Donnell and to be reinstated to the position of Evidence Officer. Chief Edson shared details of the incidents that led to his actions and read portions of Captain Steven Hunt's Internal Investigation regarding Officer O'Donnell.

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by S. Smith to uphold Chief Edson's decision to deny Grievance #2016-02.

Discussion: Questions were asked for further clarification of the incident.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by J. San Angelo and seconded by S. Smith to uphold Chief Edson's decision to deny Grievance #2016-03.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

11. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chief Edson reported that he and Deputy Chief Bernegger appeared before the Board of Finance on Monday night to provide information on reducing the amount of overtime requested for 2016/2017 by hiring back the officers eliminated from the budget in previous years. He also reported that police candidates Fortin and St. George will be graduating from the Police Academy on March 23, 2016.

Vote: Unanimous

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

Ray Blum, Chairman, Harvest Moon Festival, notified the Commission of the annual Harvest Moon Festival to be held on September 16th and 17th. As in the past, Division Street will need to be closed for these days. Chief Edson said this is a normal request that poses no issues.

Sergeant Milton Johnson, Deputy Commanding Officer, Bridgeport Police Training Academy, thanked Detective Amanda Devan for assisting officers in maintaining POST certifications. Chief Edson stated that in addition to Detective

Devan, Officers Kosky, DaSilva, Lt. Newman and Sgt. McAllister are frequently sought after due to their outstanding training abilities.

Principal Cheryl Kane, Maple Hill School, thanked Officer Ryan Burns for his assistance at an incident on March 2, 2016.

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

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE
14. OPEN ITEMS: NONE
15. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE
16. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

J. San Angelo, S. Smith, R. Roper and Chairman Savoy all commended Chief Edson on a job well done. A. Barnes said it was good to be back. The memorial service for Officer Nancy Nichols will be held on March 17, 2016 and the awards ceremony for the department will be held on April 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Naugatuck High School auditorium.

17. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Stephanie Savoy, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission