

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 20, 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  
Ralph Roper  
Steve Smith  
Pedro Pires  
Mayor N. Warren Hess

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger  
Burgess Robert Burns  
Burgess Rocky Vitale  
Jim Goggin, Tax Collector

ALTERNATES:

Andy Barnes  
Al Rollinson

ABSENT:

L. Mayfield  
John Alves

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 A. Barnes as a voting member in the absence of L. Mayfield.

4. A motion by Mayor Hess and seconded by S. Smith to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on August 16, 2016.

Discussion: A. Barnes said he had served on the Police Commission for 14 years, not 12 as shown in the minutes under "Comments from Commissioners".

The motion was withdrawn.

5. A motion by Mayor Hess and seconded by S. Smith to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on August 16, 2016 with the correction of **Comments from Commissioners: "A. Barnes told Mayor Hess he will be leaving his position on the Police Commission when his term expires on October 1<sup>st</sup> after serving 14 years."**

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by Mayor Hess to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on August 19, 2016.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

8. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

Deputy Chief Bernegger presented the reports in Chief Edson's absence. He reported the Safe Rides Program is moving forward with Uber, the NEDC, some of the borough's drinking establishments and the Police Department. The pilot program should be in place before Thanksgiving. He also stated the department received a grant from Naugatuck Youth Services for a Police Partnership at City Hill School. The purpose of the program is to bring police and students closer in a positive setting. Deputy Chief Bernegger said there will be officers on hand for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> for the event sponsored by Mayor Hess. Old Firehouse Road and Church Street will be closed from 1:00 p.m. through 10:00-11:00 p.m. Proper signage will be in place for the closings. Mayor Hess said the prime time of the event will be 5:30 p.m. after the veterans' hike of 22 kilometers. Deputy Chief Bernegger informed the Commission the command vehicle on order for the regional program will be ready mid- October. He's traveling to Ohio on Monday to inspect the vehicle's progress thus far. He further stated that Officer Carl Schaaf will be dealing with blight issues with Mayor's aide Ed Carter. The goal is to find a civil remedy but a summons will be issued if no resolution is made. Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger are serving on a noise ordinance committee. Lastly, he has worked with Public Works Director Jim Stewart to resolve the problem on Water Street of people exiting the post office in the wrong direction during the bridge construction. Public Works crews installed barrels at the site to prevent right hand turns.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

An anonymous letter and photographs were received by the Mayor's office showing dangerous parking conditions on High Street. Deputy Chief Bernegger said he will look into this.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Rocky Vitale, 180 E. Waterbury Road, thanked Andy Barnes for his years of service on the Police Commission. Burgess Robert Burns also thanked Andy Barnes for his service.

12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Barnes said he enjoyed his 14 years on the Police Commission and saw many changes during this time. He is pleased with Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger.

S. Smith thanked A. Barnes for his service.

Mayor Hess reminded everyone of his event on Saturday, the hike taking place and the highlights at 5:30 p.m. with the veterans.

R. Roper wished A. Barnes good luck.

P. Pires wished A. Barnes good luck and said 14 years is a long time to serve on the Police Commission.

Chairman Savoy thanked A. Barnes for his service. She said Commissioner Alves asked her to thank Officer Savoy for the assistance he provided to a citizen.

15. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by S. Smith at 7:11 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Stephanie Savoy, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission

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