

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 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
Linda Mayfield
Mayor N. Warren Hess

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Captain Steven Hunt
Burgess Laurie Jackson
Burgess Rocky Vitale

ALTERNATES:

John Alves
Al Rollinson

Staff: 0
Public: 2
Press: 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 R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on September 20, 2016.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by L. Mayfield re-appoint Stephanie Savoy as Chairman of the Police Commission.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by P. Pires to re-appoint S. Smith as Vice Chairman of the Police Commission.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by R. Roper and seconded by Mayor Hess to re-appoint L. Mayfield as Secretary of the Police Commission.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Tedesco, 36 Greenwood Street, stated that at the September 6, 2016 meeting of the Board of Mayor and Burgesses, he presented a proposed ordinance regarding feral cats. The board referred the topic to Deputy Chief Bernegger who was present at the meeting. Mr. Tedesco wanted to know the status of the proposal. Captain Hunt reported he is still researching the matter. Mayor Hess reported that he has reached out to the state and received new suggestions and approaches for this matter. He said he will share this information with Captain Hunt. A presentation will be made at the November Borough Board meeting. Mr. Tedesco said he has concerns about the unhealthy conditions caused by the feral cats and wants an ordinance in place to control those responsible for feeding these animals.

Burgess Laurie Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, commended Officer Paul Bertola for his interaction with the children at Cross Street School on the day of the clown threats. She said he provided a comforting presence and played games with the students. He displayed outstanding professionalism as an officer. She further commented that a resident requested a bulb replacement at the traffic signal on Route 68 when turning left from Prospect Street towards Route 8. She said without the turn arrow being displayed motorists cannot turn left because of the heavy traffic in the area.

Burgess Rocky Vitale, 180 East Waterbury Road, asked Mayor Hess if he would like to discuss the feral cat problem at the next meeting of the Noise Ordinance subcommittee.

Elizabeth DaSilva, 36 Greenwood Street, said that while she doesn't physically live at this address, her fiancé owns the property and she is very concerned about the feral cat problem. She wants the people feeding the cats to be held responsible for vaccinating and neutering them.

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

Captain Hunt reported that Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger were at a conference and he is presenting the reports.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Peter Ellsworth, Director of Security, Dunbar Armored, Inc., wrote to Chief Edson to express his appreciation for the quick response regarding an employee issue. He commended Detective Michael Wawrzyniak for his actions and bringing a timely resolution to this incident.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

11. OPEN ITEMS:

A. PARKING CONDITIONS ON HIGH STREET:

Mayor Hess said he received five anonymous complaints regarding the parking problem on High Street. Captain Hunt reported that additional patrol units have been in the area since October 6th. Officers have tried to locate the owners of the vehicles illegally parked. Mayor Hess stated that in the group of photographs he was sent anonymously, a police car is shown parked on the sidewalk. Captain Hunt said that it will be posted "No Parking" on the even side of the street. This item will be reviewed at the next Regular Meeting of the Police Commission.

12. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

13. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Rollinson told Mayor Hess that he thoroughly enjoyed the celebration held downtown. Mayor Hess said this is only the beginning and plans to move forward with bigger and better happenings for the community. He said the event was successful and didn't have any problems. He further added that he was pleased with the good work done by the police.

S. Smith congratulated Chairman Savoy and L. Mayfield on their re-appointments. He looks forward to working with them again.

Chairman Savoy thanked the Commissioners for re-electing her as Chairman. She said she felt honored to serve another term.

14. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by L. Mayfield at 7:14 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Stephanie Savoy, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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