

Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2008

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:30P.M.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners McLoughlin, Coppola and Calafiore, Chief DiCarlo and Deputy Chief McLoughlin

Absent: Commissioner Monz

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2007 regular meeting and executive session. A motion made by Commissioner McLoughlin to approve these minutes, second by Commissioner Calafiore. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for December 2007. A motion to accept the monthly reports was made by Commissioner Coppola, second by Commissioner McLoughlin. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE-There was no correspondence to be shared.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

With regard to the prepared police budget for FY08-09, the Chairman questioned the proposed increase in the personnel and overtime accounts. The Chief reported that the proposed increases were made at the direction of the Finance Department to reflect a 3.5% increase in estimated expenses for FY07-08 and an additional 3.5% increase for FY08-09. These increases were estimated by the Finance Department as the most likely future settlement cost of wages, including retroactive pay, of the expired Police Union contract from June 30, 2007.

The Chairman also discussed additional line item budget request, namely the gasoline, building fuel and electricity accounts, and he wanted to make sure that adequate funds were being requested.

The Chairman led a discussion regarding the Capital Budget Request adding that he would prioritize the requests as:

- 1.) purchasing five new cruisers
- 2.) purchasing a speed trailer
- 3.) purchasing laptop computers.

The Chairman reported that he would hold off on making any recommendation regarding the proposed canine (K-9) program until he learned more on the recurring cost of such a program, including those cost that might be associated with the Union labor contract.

Commissioner Calafiore commented that the proposed capital request for the budget should focus on necessity, such as the five cruisers, however, he did not believe the proposed speed trailer, K-9 program or the purchase of laptops was necessary.

Commissioner McLoughlin commented that it was important that the Chief prepare a budget that was reflective of current and future needs and he was happy to advocate for the Chief, however, it

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was equally important to consider the town's revenue structure and its ability to support the budget within the current taxpayer's means.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief reported that one of the Captains would be out sick for an extended period of time, perhaps up to six weeks in duration. To maintain operational efficiency, the Chief has received authorization from the Finance Department and a MOU has been signed with the Union to name an Acting-Captain. Lieutenant Stanley Lofquist has been assigned this position by the Chief.

The Chief reported that promotional exams for the rank of Lieutenant and Sergeant will be held in the Spring. Although there are no current openings for either rank, the Chief cited the importance of having a certified list should an opening become available within the next year or two. There is no need to test for the Captain's rank as there is a certified list in place.

TRAFFIC REPORT

The Chief reported that a resident of Ezra Street had requested that the Police Department consider making Ezra Street and North Avenue a "4-Way Stop". The resident was concerned about the traffic volume and speed of vehicles on Ezra St. A traffic study, which included the deployment of radar and a three year accident history, was completed by the Traffic Division and a determination was made that there was no need to add stop signs in all directions. The chief reported that the department would maintain radar enforcement and he recommended that the Commission deny the request for a 4-Way Stop at this intersection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coppola, second by Commissioner Calafiore, to deny the request for this 4-Way Stop Sign. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion was made by Commissioner McLoughlin, second by Commissioner Coppola, and all were in favor.

The time was 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Thomas J. McLoughlin
Deputy Chief of Police

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Chairman D'Errico called the Executive Session to order at 8:29 P.M.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners McLoughlin, Coppola and Calafiore, Chief DiCarlo and Deputy Chief McLoughlin.

Absent: Commissioner Monz.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Coppola, second by Commissioner McLoughlin. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. McLoughlin
Deputy Chief of Police