

Approved

Board of Police Commission
Special Meeting
March 31, 2011

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

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Monz, Calafiore, and Lazaroff, and Deputy Chief McLoughlin.

Absent: Commissioner McLoughlin.

Chairman D'Errico introduced some dignitaries in the audience. They were First Selectman Freda, Fire Chief Landisio, Hamden Police Chief Wydra, Shelton Police Chief Hurliman and former Police Commissioner Peach.

Also present was Second Selectman Doheny, Third Selectman Fontana, State Senator Fasano, State Representative Yaccarino, Hamden Deputy Chief Cappiello, Hamden Deputy Chief Kicak and Chief DiCarlo

Everyone rose for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Chairman stated the purpose of the meeting was to swear-in the new Chief of Police Thomas J. McLoughlin.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a moment of silence to honor all police officers killed in the line of duty and all military personnel around the world.

Chairman D'Errico stated the Board of Police Commission has the honor of swearing in the 6th Chief of Police in the 67 year history of the police department. The Commission is honored to have family, friends and officers in the room.

Thomas J. McLoughlin was sworn in by Chairman D'Errico at 7:34 P.M. His wife Lori pinned his badge on him.

Selectman Freda said it is an emotional day with the closing of the brilliant career of Chief DiCarlo and the swearing-in of Chief McLoughlin.

Selectman Freda acknowledged during Chief McLoughlin's 31 years he showed dedication, perseverance, pride, persistence and hard work as he rose through the ranks. He will be a great ambassador for the department. Chief McLoughlin has a great ability to connect with people and he is unflappable in any situation. He has the respect of every man and woman in the Department.

Chairman D'Errico said the Department is one of the best in the area and the men and women are tops.

Commissioner Lazaroff said it was a pleasure working with Chief DiCarlo and the Department has made tremendous strides over the last 10-15 years. He is looking forward to working with Chief McLoughlin.

Commissioner Monz said we as a town are extremely fortunate to have Chief McLoughlin take the reigns from Chief DiCarlo who did a wonderful job.

Commissioner Calafiore congratulated Chief McLoughlin and wished him the best.

Chief McLoughlin thanked Selectman Freda and the Board of Police Commission for their support and vote of confidence. He said they will move forward and work well together. Chief McLoughlin said success comes from a good support base that starts with family and his family is the best. He has eight brothers and sisters and lives with his wife Lori and son and daughter.

Chief said the department has a good reputation in the New Haven area and the State. He thanked the officers from area towns for their support. He thanked Chief DiCarlo for being his coach, counselor, mentor and friend. If there is such a thing as police DNA Chief DiCarlo's DNA transcends our police department from top to bottom. Speaking to the officers in the room Chief said he is fortunate to have inherited all of them. He told them we will have challenges and obstacles but we are bridge builders who will go through, over or around any challenge or obstacle. He told the officers to believe in him and themselves. He told the audience that he was overwhelmed by their support.

Chief McLoughlin started at the police department 32 years ago as a police cadet who dispatched police, fire and EMS calls. He went through the ranks of officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, deputy chief, and chief. Chief addressed the public telling them he is well experienced and most capable and the town will get the best police service that we can give. He and the officers are committed to do the best job. His standard of behavior is set high and the officers will be held to that standard. It will be a seamless transition with an open door policy. He asked that anyone with an issue or who thinks the department can do something better to contact the department. Chief McLoughlin thanked the audience.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lazaroff made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Minutes by Mrs. Amato

