

Preliminary Draft

Board of Police Commission Regular Meeting April 23, 2013

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Calafiore.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the March 26, 2013 regular meeting and executive session. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner McLoughlin, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. Commissioner Monz asked that the word led, referring to traffic signals, be capitalized. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the approval of the monthly reports for March. A motion was made by Commissioner Monz, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

1. A resident thanked Officer Queiroga for his quick response and the wonderful care and concern she received after a traumatic injury from a fall at her home.
2. The Director of South Central Criminal Justice Administration thanked Chief McLoughlin for allowing Officer Spose to serve as a panelist at a recent oral board examination.

Chairman's Report

Chairman D'Errico requested the department step up their policing at Grover Wyman Park. He received a complaint of a large amount of beer cans and liquor bottles on the grounds and questionable activity in the parking lot.

Chairman D'Errico also requested that radar be run on Bassett Road and thru truck. He would also like radar run on Pool Road.

Chief's Report

Chief McLoughlin distributed an itemized report of the monthly overtime to each Commissioner. The report explained exactly what the overtime was spent on. He noted that two times a year there are 3 pay periods in a month, which causes an additional increase in overtime. He explained exactly what each line item is.

Next year's budget will include added funds separated from the department's overtime for Town Projects.

Chief reported an increase in training expenses for March due to two department wide training classes. The active shooter simunitions training was hosted by our SWAT Team. The response to the class was very receptive by both new and more senior officers. A senior officer said it was the best training he ever had. The first responders are our patrol officers and there is no more waiting for the SWAT team to arrive. The need to have everyone trained is essential.

As an example, Chief reported on a mental health assist that occurred on Friday. The responding officers secured the individual, who was armed, without incident. Yesterday an individual, with guns, barricaded himself in his home, and within two minutes he was in custody without harm.

Two burglaries occurred in March as well as two robberies, which resulted in one arrest, and another suspect being identified. The cases involved some overtime with search warrants and investigations. A search warrant for explosive devices was executed and fortunately nothing more than high end fireworks were seized.

Department wide training on blood borne pathogens and quick clot and tourniquet application was completed in March. It was costly, but money well spent.

Chief received confirmation that work will begin on the traffic light at Church Street and Broadway sometime after July.

The painting vendor has been contacted and crosswalks will be painted on Buell Street when the weather warms. Chief received a complaint from a Millbrook resident with a similar issue as Buell Street. Chief will meet with the resident and look at the traffic history of the area.

The Chief suggested that with the increased traffic complaints from neighborhoods, it might be a good time for the Police Commission to consider a formal town wide traffic calming policy.

Chairman D'Errico suggested that the Chief research some traffic calming ideas and present it to the Commission at a later date.

Chief McLoughlin informed the Commission that Patty Amato has decided to retire at the end of May. Patty is a 30 year employee of the town. She has been with the Police Department for 24 years. She has served the Town, the Police Department, and the Commission, as secretary, well. I am certain that former Chiefs Connolly and DiCarlo, and former Deputy Chief Habib join Deputy Chief Mulhern and me in thanking Patty for her service and friendship. We wish her a long and well deserved retirement.

Chief asked Kristin Cohen, who was present, how progress was going with the traffic concerns on Buell Street. She had nothing but praise for Captain Mark Genovese who met with her and spoke with her several times. She appreciates all of the work the department is doing.

Chairman D’Errico asked Deputy Chief Mulhern to inquire about possible changes to the DARE program and moving it to the middle school. Chief and Deputy Chief will check with the Board of Education and report back to the Commission.

Deputy Chief Mulhern publicly thanked Dr. Kaplan for providing the tactical trauma care training to the Department. Dr. Kaplan is a trauma surgeon with the Yale University School of Medicine. He is the doctor and member of the SWAT Team. Deputy Chief read some of the feedback from the class attendees. 1. We are lucky to have his expertise, 2. His information is invaluable, 3. He is a confidence builder who teaches life saving techniques, 4. He is a great instructor and we should appreciate that we have someone of his caliber who takes the time to teach us. During training, Dr. Kaplan manages the physical tryouts for the SWAT Team and monitors the officer’s medical condition. Dr. Kaplan has access to the officers’ medical files. Deputy Chief noted that Dr. Kaplan always volunteers his time.

Dr. Kaplan, with the help of Lieutenant Glenn and Deputy Chief Mulhern, has published articles about the course. One of his articles will be published in the National Tactical Magazine.

Deputy Chief Mulhern thanked Sergeant Woznyk, Officer Battick, Officer Cantele, and Detective Harton for their professional handling of the incident on Friday. They are well trained, very good officers who were under good direction.

With the permission of the Commission, Chairman D’Errico will draft a letter thanking Dr. Kaplan for his efforts and for helping to move the Department forward.

Chairman D’Errico asked for a motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was made by Commissioner McLoughlin, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:40 p.m.

The next Board of Police Commission Meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Minutes by Mrs. Amato

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Board of Police Commission
Executive Session
April 23, 2013

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 8:19 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Calafiore.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Commissioner Monz made the motion, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McLoughlin, Chief of Police