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Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
March 25, 2014

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

Present: Chairman Joseph D'Errico, Commissioner Larry Lazaroff, Commissioner Walt Spader, Chief Tom McLoughlin

Absent: Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern, Commissioners David Monz and Marc Calafiore.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the February 25, 2014 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Spader. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was for the approval of the monthly reports for February 2014. A motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Spader. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman D'Errico recognized Chief McLoughlin for doing a good job of keeping the budget in line.

Chairman D'Errico discussed the window project for the Police building and stated that there is no money for the project this year but it will be done in the spring of 2015.

Chairman D'Errico also inquired about the roof project and asked if the project had gone out to bid yet. Chief stated that he is waiting for one more vendor quote, and the job has not gone out to bid.

Chairman D'Errico asked for an update on the damaged floor in the lobby. Chief stated the custodial contractor damaged the floor tile during a cleaning process. The contractor has put in an insurance claim, and the Department has received a quote from a vendor to have it replaced.

Chief said he is waiting to receive the check from the insurance company before the work gets started.

Chief said it would be no cost to the Town of North Haven.

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Chairman D'Errico asked about the status of the new patrol cars. Chief said that one patrol car and one SUV have arrived. One patrol car is totally outfitted except there is one minor issue that needs to be corrected. There was some concern about prisoner transport and safety where perhaps one may be injured on an interior light, so they are having it removed.

Chairman D'Errico asked if two old patrol cars will be auctioned off, and Chief said that the two cars should be at auction in April or May.

Commissioner D'Errico commented on the status of the Patrol Division stating how good the reports look and told Chief that the changes recently instituted are outstanding.

Chairman D'Errico said he is very pleased and wanted to commend Chief as well as make a motion to compose a letter of recognition for a job well done to Captain Mark Genovese. Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to send a letter to Captain Genovese, second by Commissioner Spader.

Chairman D'Errico said that the Board of Finance has Okayed the Police budget requests for next year, pending town approval at the upcoming referendum.

Recently the Police Retirement Board called an informational meeting requested by the Chairman of the Board of Finance to meet with a new investment firm to discuss the police pension plan. Commissioner D'Errico stated any changes would be discussed at the next Retirement Board meeting on April 16.

Chiefs Report

Chief McLoughlin stated that the budget is in good order.

Chief said the Department recently held a Blood borne pathogen, CPR and AED class for all of its officers and civilian employees.

Chief said the officer's would be participating in a use of force & taser liability training during the first two weeks of April. There will also be active shooter training at the end of April or beginning of May, therefore the Commissioners will see an up tick in training cost.

Chief explained that last year, we held an active shooter / simunitions training at the old East Haven High School building. Officers were trained to enter a school, simulated as an active shooter with gunfire situation. This training was as close to real life training as you can get. It is costly, but this training will increase the officer's response, and provide added safety for the Police Officer and the public. Chief said it is "training well spent".

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Chief stated that the current budget report has an error on it. Inadvertently the new patrol car was charged off to vehicle maintenance, as opposed to the capital line. This error will be corrected by the Finance Department.

Retirements: Sgt. Mark Grimaldi is retiring at the end of March, after 34 years of service to the Department and the town. Chief recognized Sgt. Mark Grimaldi as an asset to the organization, and wished him a long, happy, healthy retirement.

Public Relations:

Two Officer's recently read Dr. Seuss books to Clintonville Elementary students for the Read Across America Campaign.

Chief thanked Officer Val Queiroga and many other officers' for their commitment and help during a recent fundraiser held at Fantasia for a sick child that resides in North Haven. Commissioner D'Errico commended the Officer's and said applause should go to Commissioner Lazaroff who sold many tickets for the event.

Traffic:

Chief's office was contacted yesterday by a concerned citizen regarding an accident at State and Bishop Street over the past weekend in which her son was involved. The citizen's concern was about the timing and cycling of the light, and wanted to bring it to the Board of Commissioners to be addressed. Chief telephoned her and explained that it is a State Road, and that North Haven has no control over the light, yet he would forward her concerns to the State DOT. Chief wanted to be sure to share this concern with the Commissioners.

Chief's office sent a letter of concurrence to the State DOT regarding traffic flow at 117 Washington Avenue due to the construction of a new bank. The State DOT asked for an administrative decision regarding potential traffic issues at the location as it is a State road. Chief reviewed the project site and traffic plans and concurred with the developers that he saw no major traffic study would be needed.

Captain Merrithew was finally able to speak with the homeowner on Windsor Road East concerning a large shrub on the corner of her property, which has caused some traffic concerns since January. The homeowner did agree to have the shrub removed. The homeowner is currently out of town but will contact the Department when she returns and arrangements will be made to remove the shrub in her presence.

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Training:

Recertification for all officers is complete and up to date.

Officer Marcus Artaiz will be at the Police Academy starting next Friday, April 4. Chief said that he has reserved a seat at the Academy for July and one for October. He said nothing is pending but it is a good idea to have a seat reserved. There is no cost to reserve a seat.

Grievances:

There were no grievances this month.

Berniere Scholarship:

Chief received two scholarship requests this month. Lt. Kevin Glenn has asked for reimbursement for two graduate classes, and Sergeant Joe Woznyk has requested reimbursement for two undergraduate classes. The motion to award both officers reimbursement was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

Commissioner Lazaroff asked for an update on the DARE program. Chief stated that Dare would be conducted as abbreviated sessions for the remainder of this school year. Chief stated he is still waiting to hear from the Board of Education regarding the formation of a DARE committee.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn and move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Spader. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 7:51 p.m.

At 8:20 p.m., the Commission reconvened to regular session for the purpose of voting.

Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to promote Officer Geoff Marquardt to the Rank of Sergeant effective April 2, 2014. Second by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to adjourn, second by commissioner Spader. The time was 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes by P. Claflin

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Board of Police Commission
Executive Session
March 25, 2014

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioner Larry Lazaroff, Commissioner Walt Spader,
Chief Tom McLoughlin

Absent: Commissioners Dave Monz, Marc Calafiore and Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by
Commissioner Lazaroff second by Commissioner Spader. The motion passed
unanimously. The time was 8:19 p.m.

At 8:20 p.m., the Commission reconvened to regular session for the purpose of voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McLoughlin, Chief of Police