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Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission
&
Training Room
May 19, 2014
6:30 P.M.

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Monz, Lazaroff and Calafiore. Also present were Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Mulhern. Commissioner Spader joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The Chairman reminded everyone that this meeting would be the regular meeting for the month of May 2014, explaining that the meeting was moved forward one week to accommodate tonight's interviews for the position of patrol officer. For this reason, the Chairman explained that the order of tonight's meeting would be changed and the commission would open with an executive session and then return to the regular session for other business purposes.

Candidates scheduled to be interviewed were:

Cody McGinnis
Jonathan Dahlstrom
Alexander Gigas
Kyle Hurley
Ryan Prouix

The Chairman asked for a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of interviewing police officer candidates. A motion to move into executive session was made by Commissioner Monz and second by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor. The time was 6:32 p.m.

The Commission reconvened to the regular session for the purpose of voting. The time was 7:42 p.m.

Commissioner Lazaroff made a motion to rank the applicants in the following order:

1. Jonathan Dahlstrom
2. Cody McGinnis
3. Kyle Hurley

Commissioner Monz second the motion and all were in favor, with the exception of Commissioner Spader who abstained because of his late arrival.

Commissioner Lazaroff made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Jonathan Dahlstrom for the position of patrol officer contingent on the following:

1. Successfully pass a polygraph examination.
2. Successfully pass a psychological examination.
3. Successfully pass an in-depth background investigation.
4. Successfully pass an entry level medical examination.
5. Successfully pass a substance abuse screening examination.
6. Successfully pass the Cooper Standard as administered by POSTC.

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Further, if Mr. Dahlstrom was unable to meet these conditions, the offer would be withdrawn and the same offer of employment would be made to the other applicants in the order of their ranking (Mr. McGinnis and then Mr. Hurley), until a successful candidate is found or the list is exhausted. Commissioner Monz second this motion and all were in favor.

In continuing with the regular session of the meeting, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session and executive session of the April 22, 2014 meeting. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Commissioner Spader and second by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor.

The chairman asked for a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports prepared for tonight's meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Monz, second by Commissioner Spader, to accept these monthly reports and all were in favor.

Correspondence

Commissioner Lazaroff read three thank you letters that were written to the police department. One letter was from the South Central Criminal Justice Administration thanking the department for assisting in a promotional examination. The second letter was from the North Branford Police Department thanking Officer Alan Cantele and his canine partner Koda for their assistance in a narcotic investigation. The third letter was from a town resident thanking the police department for addressing a traffic issue.

Chairman's Report

Chairman D'Errico reported to the other commission members on the status of the police pension fund. The Chairman reported that beginning in July the police pension fund will be split between two investment groups; Halsey Associates and Beirne Wealth Management. The Chairman reported that the Beirne Company is being added because of the excellent returns the company has recently earned for other pension funds in town.

The Chairman inquired as to the status of the Howard Luppi signage for Oakwood Drive and the Chief reported that the signs are on order and they should arrive before the end of May.

Chief's Report

The Chief commented briefly on the budget and reported that we are still on course to remain within our budget for the fiscal year ending next month.

The Chief reported that the new officer selected tonight will begin the Police Academy on July 3, 2014 so long as he meets all of the requirements of the conditional offer of employment.

The Chief reminded the Commissioners of the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Saturday May 24, 2014. Should any of the Commissioners wish to participate, and should they desire a ride from headquarters to the start of the parade, they should be at police headquarters no later than 10:00 a.m. Step off for the parade is 10:30 a.m.

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The Chief also reported that the tile flooring in the lobby of headquarters has been replaced. This flooring was accidentally damaged a couple of months ago by the building custodians and the repairs were made at no cost to the police department or town.

The bid for the new in-car video cameras has been awarded to a new vendor and the cameras should be arriving by the end of May, and hopefully, installation should be completed by the middle of June.

Traffic Report

The sight line issuing involving a very large ornamental yew at the corner of Windsor Road and Windsor Road East is being addressed. Being that the yew is in the town's right of way, the department of public works has agreed to remove this shrubbery. The removal was scheduled for this week.

Concerning this same intersection, the Chief reported that with the yew removed, there is still a need for a stop sign, and perhaps a warning sign such as a "stop ahead".

Commissioner Spader made a motion to approve such a stop sign on Windsor Road East, at the intersection of Windsor Road, and if the Chief determined that an added warning sign be needed that such signage should also be approved. Commissioner Lazaroff second this motion, and all were in favor with the exception of Commissioner Monz who abstained.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship

The Chief submitted the names of Sergeant Joseph Woznyk and Officer John Norden for consideration of Berniere Scholarship awards. Sergeant Woznyk had recently completed two undergraduate classes and Officer Norden completed one graduate class. Officer Norden also completed his Master's Degree studies.

Commissioner Monz made a motion to award Sergeant Woznyk a Berniere Scholarship for his two classes and to award Officer Norden a Berniere Scholarship for his completed class. Commissioner Lazaroff second this motion and all were in favor.

Relating to the Berniere Scholarship, the Chief reported that there would be a fundraising bus trip to one of the Connecticut casinos in late June and the trip was open to the Commissioners and other law enforcement friends.

With no further business for the regular session, the Chairman asked for a motion to return to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Monz made the motion to enter into executive session, second by Commissioner Spader, and all were in favor. The time was 8:15 p.m.

Minutes by Chief McLoughlin

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Chairman D'Errico called the executive session to order at 8:15 p.m.

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

Absent: All were present.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. A Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Monz and second by Commissioner Lazaroff. Motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. McLoughlin
Chief of Police