

Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
June 24, 2014
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission
and Training Room
2nd Floor
7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Monz

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

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the May 19th meeting regular and executive sessions.

Commissioner Lazaroff stated before approval, that there is an error in the regular minutes, from the May 19th meeting. Lazaroff explained that under the Berniere Scholarship requests, where it read Sgt. Woznyk, it should in fact have read Lt. Kevin Glenn. And also, where it mentions officer Norden completing one class, should read *two* classes.

Commissioner Lazaroff asked for a motion to accept the corrections and approve the minutes for both regular and executive sessions
Second by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

The next order of business was the approval of the monthly reports for May 2014. Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to accept, second by Commissioner Calafiore, all were in favor.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from a family who lost their home in a fire, thanking North Haven Police and the community for their compassion and assistance.

A letter was received from North Haven High School PTSA thanking Captain Jim Merrithew for his assistance with their annual road race and fun run.

A letter was received from a resident of Van Rose Drive, wanting to remind residents to lock their car doors, and homes at night. In addition, to be diligent and aware of their surroundings.

Chairman's Report:

Commissioner D'Errico's Tip of the Month:

Commissioner D'Errico explained to the public that home security alarms are a great thing to have, but should residents not have one, put your car keys beside your bed at night. Tell your spouse, your neighbors, your children, your parents, if you hear a noise outside at night or someone trying to get in to your house, hit the panic button on your car keys. The horn will start sounding in the garage or in the driveway, which will scare perpetrator away. he suggests that they should put your their car keys to bed when retiring for the night, and if they are awoken by an intruder or other emergency to push and activate the panic button, this would deter any perpetrators.

Chairman D'Errico wanted to go directly to the Chiefs report and wait to swear in Jonathan Dahlstrom although Chief said his report is quite extensive and may require additional time and perhaps it is better not to keep the guests and family waiting.

At 7:30 pm Ofc. Jonathan Dahlstrom, was sworn in by Chairman D'Errico. His grandfather, pinned on his badge. Several family and friends were in attendance. Chief McLoughlin welcomed Officer Dahlstrom to the Department and wished him success.

The commission returned to regular session at 7:48 p.m.

Chief's Report:

Chief commented on the Van Rose Drive correspondence. He wanted the community to understand and certainly be reminded that we are not living in the same North Haven as 45 years ago. Chief reminds all residents to keep their cars and garages locked, windows closed and screens properly latched.

Chief also said, do not leave anything out in plain view, such as lawn equipment, bicycles, etc. This will help discourage any type of larceny. Chief also reminds the community, not to hesitate to call if they see something strange or out of place in their neighborhoods.

Chief acknowledged the retirement of Records Clerk Nancy Moliterno, who has worked for the town for 28 years, and 20 years with the Police Department. Her retirement date is June 30.

Chief said there will cake and coffee on Friday at 10 a.m. in the classroom on the second floor. Chief wanted to publicly thank Nancy for her service to the town and to the Police Department

Chief said the Budget looks great. The projections look like we will stay within, and most likely be a little under budget. Chairman D'Errico asked, if the Police Department will be giving money back to the town, and Chief said yes, but he was not sure of the amount.

Chief brought forward a letter from the state DOT regarding the designated Local Traffic Authority and asked the commission if they would like to continue with current designated person. If so, the Chairman would need to sign the letter. Commissioner D'Errico said he nominates Chief Thomas J McLoughlin to continue as the local representative with approval of the board and asked for a motion. All were in favor. Chairman D'Errico signed the letter.

Building Updates:

The roof project bid has been awarded to Young Developers from Hamden. Chief expects to have a pre-construction meeting early next week. Chief asked the board if they would be interested in solar panels on the roof, as it would provide some cost savings with utilities, and stated that he is not opposed to it. He did have some concerns about the overall look of the building, and expressed that he would like to keep the integrity of the building as it is now.

Chief asked if solar panels would it be of interest to the board. Chairman D'Errico said he is not interested at this point and time. Chief said that this could be discussed at the preconstruction meeting if town wanted to move in that direction. Chairman D'Errico questioned placement of the solar panels, and asked if they would be sticking up in the air? Chief stated the panels would have a "green house look" with nothing up right and nothing that looks out of ordinary.

Chairman D'Errico asked Chief when the project would be completed. Chief said hopefully by the end of summer. It was not clear to Chief as of the exact start date. Deputy Mulhern said that the majority of the language in the bid stated that a start date must be mutually agreeable, and they should have a better idea of the date after the pre construction meeting next week.

Chairman D'Errico asked about the window project, and Chief said that project has been put aside for now.

The animal shelter's interior has been repainted. There was some concern that if this work was not completed; the State of CT would probably have shut it down. Chief gave Special Thanks to animal control officer, Dave Carney, for his hard work and efforts coordinating all the vendors and the work that needed to be done. Chief also thanked the Finance Department for the funds to make it happen. Chief said it looks nice, and welcomed all Board members to take a ride down and see for themselves.

Six new in car cams have been installed and are up and running. Chief has received a lot of positive feedback from the officers. Three more cameras are on order.

Patrol division is continuing to perform well.

Investigative Services:

Two detectives drove to Maine last month to pick up fugitive Michael Ames. Ames was involved in the homicide at Doran's on Old Broadway in 2010. Detectives determined that Ames was in Maine, and with the help of Maine authorities, were able to apprehend Ames and transport him back to CT to face charges.

Traffic:

Chief signed a letter of concurrence on behalf of Northeast Industrial Park, which will be at the old Pratt & Whitney plant. Chief said he did concur with their summary of conclusions that the state road would not be affected.

Chief stated lots of good will come to the town from this project, and he wanted to move it along without the delay of bringing it before the commission, thus having to wait 30 days for it to be given a green light.

A stop sign has now been placed on Windsor road, at the request of a resident several months ago. In addition, the large shrub at that intersection was removed.

A recent accident at Hartford Turnpike Homewood has sparked conversation with residents.

Chief said that sight lines have been cleared, and a majority of the accidents that occur there are from out of town drivers. Chief suggested that the road be stenciled with the words "Stop Ahead".

Commissioner Lazaroff stated he noticed that several drivers are not using signal lights at this intersection.

Chief asked if this would be of interest to the Board.

Commissioner Spader asked if the accident investigative team has found problems with this location. Chief said that the cause of most accidents there are due to stop sign violations. Commissioner Spader said that stenciling "Stop Ahead" is very low cost, and if at least one accident could be avoided it would be worth it.

Commissioner Spader made motion to have "Stop Ahead" stenciled on the road 100 feet before the intersection of Homewood and Hartford Turnpike.

Commissioner Lazaroff second, all were in favor.

Commissioner Calafiore asked for the name of the bar on Quinnipiac Avenue, where the drug arrests were made last month. He wanted to know if that establishment had been referred to the liquor commission. Chief stated the location was Vic's Café and the State Liquor Commission declined to pursue administrative sanctions at this time.

The Howard Luppi Way signs are ready to go. Chief's assistant will contact Dave Yaccarino to set up a date with the Luppi family for the unveiling. Chief stated he would be sure all Board members would be notified when that date is established.

The traffic light project on Broadway and Washington Avenue has begun. The state is moving ahead into the first phase. Chief said the project should be done in late summer or the early fall.

The bridge on Spring Road project recently had a preconstruction meeting. There will be a three month wait on the steel, they hope to start the demolition in August. This portion of Spring road will be closed for the duration of the project. Chief said hopefully it will be completed by December.

Training:

There was a department wide firearms training this month. The Police Department also recently took place in the annual emergency preparedness plan held at fire headquarters.

SRO Norden has now been reassigned to patrol. This should offset some overtime costs. Officer Julie Hill assisted with project graduation. Chief wanted to thank Officer Julie Hill for her assistance.

With no further questions or discussion, Chairman D'Errico made the motion to adjourn to move in to Executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore, second by Commissioner Lazaroff
All were in favor.

The time was 8:13 p.m.

Minutes by M. Clafin

Preliminary Draft

Board of Police Commission
Executive Session
June 24, 2014

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 8:20p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Lazaroff, Spader, Calafiore, Chief McLoughlin, Deputy Chief Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner Monz

Personnel matters were discussed.

At 9:23 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Calafiore to return to regular session for voting. All were in favor.

At 9:23 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore, second by Commissioner Spader to award Officer John Battick thirty (30) days of sick leave. All were in favor.

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 9.25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McLoughlin, Chief of Police