

Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission
And Training Room 2nd Floor
February 3, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners David Monz, Larry Lazaroff, and Marc Calafiore

Also present: Chief Thomas McLoughlin, Deputy Chief Jonathan Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner Walt Spader

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

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting Regular and Executive sessions. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

The next order of business was to approve the monthly reports for December 2014. The motion to approve the monthly reports was made by Commissioner Monz. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from Colleen Parise of Hartford Turnpike requesting a "do not block driveway" sign on her property.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman reported that there is a seat available at the Police Academy in April. The Board has been given approval to move forward and hire an officer to replace a position that will be opening in July due to a retirement. Chairman explained that the hiring process takes anywhere from 4 to 6 weeks and by having the recruit start in April, he or she will be half way through the 20 weeks of training at the Police Academy by the time the retirement takes place in July. Chairman said they will move forward with the hiring process soon.

Chairman received a request for a stop sign at the intersections of George Street at Lynette, and George Street at Woodside Drive. Mr. D'Errico said that currently there are no stop signs at these intersections. Chief McLoughlin checked the records and confirmed that there should be a stop sign posted at each of these intersections. Chief McLoughlin said he would have the signs re-installed in the spring when the ground thaws. Chairman also asked for replacement of the stop sign at Pool Road and George Street. He said the current stop sign is very faded. Chief McLoughlin said he will be sure the sign gets replaced in the spring.

Chairman asked Chief if he put in anything the Capital line for next year's budget for replacing the boiler. Mr. D'Errico said the boiler is 50 years old and is not very efficient. Chief McLoughlin stated that the boiler was retrofitted when the Police Department converted from oil to natural gas a couple years ago and servicing it is very costly. The Chief said that a request for a new boiler is in our Capital requests.

Chiefs report:

Chief reminds everyone again to keep their vehicles locked and do not leave any valuables in plain sight. Chief said the vehicle larcenies in town have diminished somewhat. Chief also warned residents to be aware of phone scams, especially on the senior population. He urges citizens to be careful and cautious and encourages anyone to "hang up" the phone if they feel they are being scammed.

Chief said the budget for the month of December is slightly under and he expects the month of January to be right on target. He believes that at the end of the fiscal year there will be some concerns about it bloating. Chief stated much of this is due to unexpected costs for traffic light repairs. Chief said the department had to put money out to replace the traffic light at Maple Avenue fronting the old high school after it was struck by a motor vehicle. He said the Police Department is waiting for reimbursement from the insurance company of the offending vehicle. Chief said he doesn't think we will be getting the insurance money back as it will likely be put directly into the general fund.

The overtime cost for the blizzard last week was approximately \$6,100. Chief stated that there was no overtime costs associated with the snow storm two days ago.

The budget workshop is February the 18th 8:30 at Town Hall.

Traffic/Support Services:

The Spring Road Bridge is now open. The job moved quickly. Regarding the letter received from a homeowner on Hartford Turnpike and Bishop Street asking for placement of a "Do Not Block Driveway", Chief said he will draft a letter to the State DOT for approval and notify the homeowner of the status.

Training:

Officer Dahlstrom is half way through his ten weeks of field training. Recruit Anthony Pacileo is now in his fifth week at the academy. The Chief has not received a written report on him yet, he stated that the Administration at the Academy has been backlogged.

All officers have recently completed a "shoot, don't shoot" simulator training. This is a shared asset that the Police Department has with 9 other towns. The training consists of active shooter scenarios. All officers did well with this training.

Patrol:

Canine Zeus was injured in early January while tracking a suspect during mutual aid assistance for the New Haven Police Department. Zeus was impaled on a fence and required surgery. Zeus made a full recovery and he is back to work now. Chief thanked everyone for their concern, well wishes, cards and gifts.

Investigative Services:

Investigative Services had a very busy month.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship There were no requests this month.

Other Miscellaneous Business

Chief had one sick/injured on the job and one grievance for Executive Session.

Commissioner Lazaroff wanted to thank the Police Department for the extra patrols throughout the holiday season. As a retailer, he said that his customers as well as area merchants felt safe with the extra police presence during the busy holiday season.

There were no questions or further discussion.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz.

All were in favor.

The time was 7:50 p.m.

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Absent: Commissioner Walt Spader

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

The time was 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McLoughlin
Chief of Police