

Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission
And Training Room 2nd Floor
June 23, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners Larry Lazaroff, Marc Calafiore, Walt Spader, and Chief Thomas McLoughlin

Absent: Commissioner David Monz, Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern

Others Present: First Selectman Michael Freda, Captain Mark Genovese, residents from the Buell Street, Whitney Ridge neighborhood.

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Chairman D'Errico informed those in attendance that he was adjusting the order of the meeting to accommodate the swearing-in of two new police officers, Michael Altieri and Brandon Esterby.

At 6:02 p.m. Chairman D'Errico read Michael Altieri the Police Officers Oath. Altieri's father pinned on his badge.

At 6:04 p.m. Chairman D'Errico read Brandon Esterby the Police Officers Oath. Esterby's grandfather pinned on his badge.

Chairman D'Errico congratulated both Altieri and Esterby and welcomed them to the Police Department. Selectman Mike Freda also congratulated Altieri and Esterby and said the Department embodies the attributes of pride, passion and professionalism and told them they are now part of one of the best Police Departments in the State.

The meeting paused for a brief recess by the Chairman to allow the new officers to have pictures taken with their families.

At 6:22 p.m. Chairman D'Errico reconvened the meeting back to regular session.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the May 26, 2015 meeting, Regular and Executive sessions. Also, approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2015 Special Meeting. Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Calafiore seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for May 2015. The motion to approve the monthly reports was made by Commissioner Spader; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence

- A letter of Thanks was received from a resident who wanted to express gratitude to Officers Chris Spose and Maureen O'Keefe for their help during a recent medical emergency at her home.
- Chief McLoughlin received a letter from East Haven Police Chief Brent Larabee thanking Lt. Ed Remington, and Detective Michael Harton for their assistance recently with a homicide investigation in their town.
- Chief McLoughlin received a letter from a citizen who wanted to express her appreciation and praise the dedication of Detective Michael Harton. This individual witnessed Detective Harton who was working a traffic detail at the North Haven Funeral home; give his raincoat to an elderly woman crossing the street, who was attending a funeral during a drenching rain storm.
- A letter was received from the West Haven High School Class of 2016 Advisor, thanking Detective Harton for his professionalism recently while working their High School Prom, held at Fantasia.

Chairmans Report:

Old Business:

Commissioner Lazaroff asked for clarification regarding the proper procedures for citizens to request signage and other traffic matters. Chairman reminded those present that the Board of Police Commissioners is the sole traffic authority in North Haven, not Selectman Freda or Chief McLoughlin. Mr. D'Errico stated that, if a resident has a request or issue with traffic, they should send a letter to the Police Commission stating details of the traffic matter and he will then forward it to Chief McLoughlin for review. An officer will be assigned to investigate the issue and provide Chief with a detailed report. Chief will then review it and forward his findings/recommendations to the Board.

The Board will then make any final decisions.

New Business:

Commissioner Lazaroff said another meeting was held recently of the DARE committee. He said things are moving along and hopes to have the program ready for the next school year.

Chiefs Report:

Chief McLoughlin congratulated all local high school and college graduates and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

Chief congratulated Captain Mark Genovese and Detective Mark Iannone on their recent retirements. Chief explained that combined, the two retirees had 70 years of Police service to the town of North Haven.

Chief said regarding the Budget, as projected, the Department is right on target with his projected 1 ½ percent surplus.

Support Services and Traffic:

Chairman D'Errico asked Chief about the speed limit signs posted on Bassett road near Surrey and up to the bridge. Chief explained that the posted 25 mph speed limit signs are now correct. It was recently discovered that the signs read 35mph, which were posted in error several years ago by a traffic maintenance employee.

Fleet Update:

One cruiser recently sold at auction, and one cruiser remains at auction. Chief said the department is hoping get a better price, one closer to its fair market value.

Chief was happy to report that the Department now has a new unmarked traffic vehicle. It is all black, with no lettering and it will remain unmarked. This vehicle will be used primarily for Traffic enforcement.

Bids are out for two new cruisers. Chief said, although he was authorized to purchase three cruisers, he only put in for two. Chief said he is holding off on the third cruiser, because the Expedition has a cracked frame. The expedition is used to tow the SWAT trailer, transport cones and barricades, as well as several other details. Chief explained it is ten year old vehicle and we thought we would get more life out of it. Chief did not want to rush in case he has to replace the Expedition.

The State DOT has advised Chief that they will be installing an intermittent rumble strip in the center of the road on Route 22 (Clintonville Road) from Centerbrook all the way to the Northford town line. These are being put in to curtail head on collisions.

Chief said VN engineering is still interested in the "Safe Route to School" grant study at Ridge Road School, but it has been delayed because the Principal has not returned any of their telephone calls. Chief explained that we will have to wait until September for the study to be conducted.

Kristen Cohen of Buell Street asked if the engineering firm would be willing to meet with the Buell Street neighborhood residents that are concerned about the children that walk to Ridge Road as it is such a large group of people. Chief explained that the studies implemented by VN Engineering are structured and they conduct the same study in each town. Chief said, to be fair, let them do the study, wait until results are in, and he is certain the PTA and the School will have input.

Training:

All Officer Recertification's have been completed.

Recruit Michael Altieri will start training at the Meriden Police Academy on July 3, 2015. Chief said there is only one seat available at the Police Academy for July 2015. Therefore, Brandon Esterby has been assigned to the Milford Academy in September. Chief explained they are on the waiting list for a second seat at the Meriden Academy and should a seat become available, then Esterby can start with Altieri on July 3.

Officer Pacileo graduated from the Academy and has started his ten week field training.

Chief again reminds residents to keep valuables out of sight in their vehicles, lock their vehicles overnight and do not leave the keys in the ignition. Vehicles are being broken in to throughout all parts of the town.

Chief explained that with two officers in the Academy that the Police Department will be short staffed and the Board Of Education will have to bear the expense for the SRO program for the upcoming school year 2015-2016.

Investigative Services Division:

Lieutenant Glenn has provided a very detailed report. There were three (3) non-fatal heroin overdoses this past month. Chief suspects that the heroin in these cases is connected as all three overdoses happened within a 36 hour period. Chief spoke briefly about Naloxone, also known by the brand name Narcan, a medication that immediately reverses opioid over dosage and explained that all members of the Police Department, including the Clerical Staff have been trained to administer Narcan.

Walter T Berniere Scholarships:

There were no scholarship requests this month.

Chief had one grievance for executive session.

Building update:

The fencing to the impound lot has been completed. The entire impound lot was paid for using asset forfeiture money and there was no added cost to the Town.

Chief explained that the front stairs to the entrance of Police Headquarters are starting to crumble and will need to be taped off and repaired soon. Chief explained that he doesn't want to pay for the repair out of the Police Budget, that there should be some Town facilities or Building account money available. Chief also explained that the repair to the front stairs was to be part of the window project that was eliminated from the budget after the first failed referendum.

Commissioner Calafiore asked Chief for an update on the Supernumerary position. Chairman D'Errico said he is waiting to hear from the town attorney for approval.

Commissioner Lazaroff reminded everyone to drive safe this summer season. Lazaroff also publicly Thanked Captain Mark Genovese for his years of service to the Town.

Traffic report: Windsor Road Signage Request

The Board will table this request until next month in order to have more time to review it. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to table this request until next month's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. No further discussion. All were in favor.

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

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

The time was 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

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

Also present: Chief Thomas McLoughlin,

Absent: Commissioner David Monz, Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by commissioner Lazaroff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

The time was 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. McLoughlin
Chief of Police

Minutes by P. Clafin