

Board of Police Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission  
And Training Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
September 22, 2015  
6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners David Monz, Marc Calafiore, and Walt Spader, Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Jonathan Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner Larry Lazaroff

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to move in to Executive session for the purpose of interviewing a Police Officer Candidate.

The motion to move in to Executive session was made by Commissioner Spader. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

At 6:55 p.m. the Board reconvened back to regular session

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the August 25, 2015 meeting both Regular and Executive sessions

Commissioner Spader 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 August 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 Sue Skipp thanking the department for their assistance with a funeral escort for her husband Barry Skipp who was a dispatcher for the town of Wethersfield.

A thank you letter was received from the Coughlin family, thanking officers Artaiz, Pacileo, and Sinanis for their assistance recently during the passing of a family member.

A letter was received from John Parese thanking Officer Pacileo for his help with a DOT incident recently. Mr. Parese also acknowledged the professionalism of Dispatcher Zona and all members of the Department for "handling the incident diligently, courteously, and professionally."

Commissioner Monz took a moment to thank the Police Union and the PBA for their support recently during a 100 mile bicycle charity event for the Smilow Cancer Center which he participated in.

**Chairman's Report:**

Old Business: Chairman had nothing for old business.

New Business: Chairman asked the Board to make a motion to authorize Chief McLoughlin to purchase body cameras for the department. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Spader made the motion to authorize Chief McLoughlin to move forward and purchase body cameras and the ancillary equipment required for their use. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico said he has heard nothing new from the Town Attorney regarding the Supernumerary program.

**Chiefs Report:**

Chief acknowledged the recent passing of retired Lt. Ed Halkovetz on August 26. Halkovetz was employed with the department from 1957-1986. Chief added that Lt. Halkovetz was a very good man and was dedicated to the professional development of many of the officers within the department.

Chief also acknowledged the recent retirement of Captain Jim Merrithew. Merrithew was employed with the department for 39 years. Chief wished Merrithew a long, healthy retirement.

Chief said the Budget is right on target and there have been no unexpected expenditures.

**Traffic:**

Chief reports that the "Safe Routes to School" traffic study being conducted by VN Engineering is underway at Ridge Road School. He stated recently engineers met with members of the PTA as well as administrators from the school. Chief said the results should be complete sometime near Thanksgiving. Commissioner Monz indicated that he noticed some new signage in the area. Chief said that what happens during the 3:00 dismissal is very interesting and that the Department has also taken some video footage of it. He stated that he will reserve his comments until the engineers survey/report is complete.

New Slow Child signage has been placed on Windsor Road. This was approved during the August Board of Police Commission meeting.

The George Street traffic study from last month's meeting has been delayed due to a malfunction in the stealth radar unit. This will be delayed for about 4 more weeks, but Chief assured the Board that he will pursue the request as soon as the unit is repaired.

The middle school "no bus traffic" has been working well. Middle school students are dropped off at the High school and take a path to the Middle School. Chief said that during football games there is staff available to assist pedestrians, and the only parking allowed at the Bailey Road entrance will consist of handicapped parking, school and football officials.

The State of Connecticut DOT has advised Chief that they will be painting some roads in town with higher visibility paint. Also, any roads that intersect with State Street will get new paint on the stop bars.

Chief said there is a new issue dealing with local street parking of oversize vehicles. There is a resident in town who has been parking a very large camper type vehicle, including an attached vehicle carrier, on his street and it has caused some concern. Chief has asked the Town Attorney for his opinion regarding this issue.

Officer Pacileo has completed his field training and has been patrolling on his own since September 1st.

Officer Sudac, sworn in last month, will begin patrol on his own effective September 25.

The two recruits at the academy (Altieri and Esterby) are doing well and have roughly ten more weeks of training. They are set to graduate from the Meriden Police Academy in early December.

Patrol has been relatively quiet. Recently the department has seen an uptick in stolen vehicles. Also, vehicles are still being entered during the evening hours. Several other local Police Agencies report the same activity. Once again, Chief reminds the public to lock your vehicles at all times and be aware of your surroundings.

#### **Investigative Services:**

Investigative Services has had another busy month. Chief said one incident of note, two weeks ago a street robbery/stolen car incident occurred at a local business. Both cars have been recovered and both assailants have been identified. Arrest warrants are being prepared.

Chief reminds the public to call the Police if you see anything suspicious.

#### **Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:**

- There were no requests this month.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

The Department recently received its first of two (2) new 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles. It will need to be outfitted before it can be used for patrol.

Chief reports that last month there was a question regarding hand held cell phone citations issued, and to clarify he advised the board that two citations were issued, and ten (10) warnings were issued.

With no further discussion the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn to move back in to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and staffing matters.

The motion to move back in to Executive session was made by Commissioner Calafiore. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor. The time was 7:18 p.m.

At 8:40 p.m. the Commission reconvened to regular session for voting purposes. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to give a conditional offer of employment to Jean Paul Millman with the following conditions:

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

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

Commissioner Spader made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor. The time was 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

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Absent: Commissioner Larry Lazaroff

- Interview with Police candidate was conducted.

At 6:53 p.m. Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Regular session.

Commissioner Monz made the motion to move to Regular session. The motion was seconded by commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.  
The time was 6:54p.m.

At 7:25 p.m. Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order.

- Personnel matters were discussed.

Commissioner Spader made the motion to return to regular session. The motion was seconded by commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

The time was 8:40p.m.