

Board of Police Commission
Special Meeting
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission
And Training Room 2nd Floor
November 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: All were present

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the October 27, 2015 meeting both Regular and Executive sessions.

Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Spader seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

The next order of business was the approval of the minutes from the October 5, 2015 Special meeting.

Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Monz 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 October 2015.

The motion to approve the monthly reports was made by Commissioner Monz; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

A thank you letter was received from Chief Montminy of the Manchester Police Department thanking Lieutenant Kevin Glenn and Detective Michael Harton for their assistance and outstanding work which led Manchester Police to the apprehension of a suspect of a bank robbery that occurred in their town.

A letter was received for Frank Teti, AVP of Corporate Safety and Security for Webster Bank thanking Detective Michael Harton for his valuable information and assistance which led to an arrest of a bank robber in Manchester.

A letter was received from a resident thanking Officer Santagata for his assistance with an incident she had regarding a theft from her home.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman asked Chief about the lights in the front of Police Headquarters and asked why they were not working. Chief explained that he would have someone look in to it.

Chairman told the board that he recently reached out to State Representative Dave Yaccarino and Senator Len Fasano to inquire if there is any grant money available for the Police Department.

Mr. D'Errico asked for an update on the range remediation, Deputy Mulhern explained that on Friday, November 20 there will be a final walk through for bidders regarding the remediation. Once the bid is awarded, the work is expected to start in January 2016, and shouldn't last for more than 60 days.

Chairman asked if the Department has purchased body cameras yet. Chief explained that the Department has purchased ten and will be reimbursed by the State.

Chiefs Report:

Chief reminds residents again to sign up for the Everbridge statewide alert system. It is a free service which will notify residents should the town have an emergency situation. Residents can register a house phone or cell phone for the statewide alerts. The website to register is: CTALERT.GOV

Dates for the Board of Police Commission meetings for the year 2016 were reviewed. Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the dates. The motion to approve the dates was made by Commissioner Spader and seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

Chief explained to the Board that in the event a regular scheduled meeting previously filed with the Town Clerk has to be rescheduled, it needs to be called a Special Meeting.

Chief said the Budget is right on target for this month.

Chief is working on the Budget for the next fiscal year and will submit it to the Finance Department by December.

Support Services/Traffic:

Chief thanked Sergeant Bob DePalma for his efforts with the vehicle fleet and traffic issues. Sergeant DePalma has been splitting his time between patrol and traffic for two months since the retirement of Captain Merrithew.

Training:

The two recruits, Esterby and Altieri are set to graduate from the Police Academy on December 16th.

The two new officers sworn in on November 12, 2015 Jean-Paul Millman and Paulius Laukaitis, are currently in the orientation training phase and should be patrolling on their own in about three weeks.

All uniformed officers and detectives recently took part in active shooter training. These exercises are critical to Officer Safety as well as preparedness for response to certain crime scenes. The dispatchers were also introduced to this training at the recommendation of Officer Cantele, and Sergeant Woznyk. Chief felt it was a great experience to have the dispatchers made aware of the reality of these types of situations because often times they don't really know what's going on in a specific incident, and therefore being exposed to this training will give them a better understanding of the types of incidents that Officers encounter.

Recently officers Jason Janosko, Jim Brennan, and John Gaspar along with Sergeant Chris Thorpe were involved in a mental health incident with a suspect who was hoping for suicide by cop. Officers were able to use non-lethal tactics to take the suspect in to protective custody. This suspect was threatening officers with a firearm that turned out to be a pellet gun. Chief praised the officers involved.

Investigative Services Division:

Detectives seized 250 bags of heroin last week. This incident is still under investigation and details cannot be released.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

Sergeant Joe Woznyk has made a request for reimbursement for one undergraduate class. The motion to award this scholarship was made by Commissioner Monz, and seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Building update:

Range remediation will begin in January. Chief said hopefully the basement can be re- purposed as an exercise room when the remediation is complete.

Chief said he is moving forward to get other building needs taken care of such as replacing the windows, leaks, broken stairs, and lighting issues.

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

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore, and seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

The time was 7:23 p.m.

Board of Police Commission
Executive Session
November 17, 2015

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

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

Absent: All were present

Personnel matters were discussed.

At 7:54 Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to reconvene to regular session for the purpose of voting. The motion was made by Commissioner Monz, and seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

At 7:55p.m. Chairman D'Errico called the meeting back to regular session for the purpose of voting.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to promote Lt. Kevin Glenn to the position of Captain. Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to promote Lt. Kevin Glenn to the position of Captain. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to promote Lt. Stanley Lofquist to the position of Captain. There was no response.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to promote Lt. Edward Remington to the position of Captain. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to promote Lt. Edward Remington to the position of Captain. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to promote Sergeant Andrew Stavrides to the position of Lieutenant. Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to promote Sergeant Andrew Stavrides to the position of Lieutenant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to promote Sergeant Christopher Thorpe to the position of Lieutenant. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to promote Sergeant Christopher Thorpe to the position of Lieutenant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to promote Officer Clifford Hill to the position of Sergeant. Commissioner Monz made the motion to promote Officer Clifford Hill to the position of Sergeant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to promote Officer Matthew Falcon to the position of Sergeant. Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to promote Officer Matthew Falcon to the position of Sergeant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico advised those present that the promotions would be effective at a swearing – in ceremony to be held on December 15, 2015.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Monz; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

The time was 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary