

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 7:00 P.M.  
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Vice Chairman Bergami called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, David Rubenstein, Richard Smith, Jerold Wanosky

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Carol Faruolo

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Rahn; Lt. Chila, D. Candido, Secty.

A quorum was present to conduct the business of the meeting.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS – none**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting as presented. Vice Chrnm. Bergami abstained from voting as he was not present at the March meeting. Motion carried.

**5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE – Chief Mello shared the following:**

- Gary Montano – 290 Boston Post Rd. – on behalf of the Phelan family, extended appreciation for the police escort at recent family member funeral.
- George T. Jones – extended thank you to Sgt. Simpson and Officer Vakos for the professional and courteous manner shown to him when he was at the Police Department regarding a family matter. He added the officers' service and attitude was greatly appreciated.

(Chairman Smith arrived at 7:05)

**6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

a. Off Duty weapon authorization for the following Officers: Antonio Aquino, Michael DeVito, and Tyrone Dancy – Chief Mello recommended authorization of off duty weapons to the officers.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to approve off duty weapon authorization for Officers Antonio Aquino, Michael DeVito and Tyrone Dancy as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Informational: Teddy Bears were donated by a group from the Milford Senior Center with material being donated from Joanne's Fabrics. No action necessary.

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c. Informational: Joyce Adams of Milford donated Beanie Baby stuffed animals for Officers to give out in situations where children are involved. No action necessary.

d. Donation from Lions Club for DARE - Chief Mello recommended the \$200 donation from Lions Club be applied to DARE account.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the \$200 donation from Lions Club and apply said donation to the DARE account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Tow list request from Milford Collision Center – it was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to deny application of Milford Collision Center to be included in the Department's tow list. Chief Mello explained the Traffic Division recommended this request be denied as it was noted the owners of said business are not in compliance with the department's requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

f. Safe Driving Awards for the following Officers – Zachary Milslagle and Frank Tomaselli. No action necessary.

g. Chief's General comments – Chief Mello distributed to the commissioners a salary survey from the So. Central Regional Chief's Association which included comparisons of area municipalities' salaries as of 4/18.

Chief reported Lt. Anderson will be retiring as of 4/19 and this will be a tremendous loss to the Department. He wished Lt. Anderson well.

Chief Mello stated that following this meeting he will be meeting with the Board of Aldermen and presenting the Department's 2018-19 budget.

With regard to the progress of the Building Committee, Chief reported the committee recently met and selected Downes Construction as construction manager of the Police Station Building Project.

## **7. REPORT ON PLANNING & ZONING REQUESTS**

a. Brewery/Restaurant – 40 Bridgeport Ave – It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to uphold Traffic Div. recommendation regarding Brewery/Restaurant at 40 Bridgeport Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

## **8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to approve the following reports:

a. Special Investigations Unit Report

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- b. Detective Bureau Report
- c. Crime Prevention Unit Report
- d. Traffic Division and Licensing Unit Report

Motion carried unanimously.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**10. NEW BUSINESS** - none.

**11. COMMENDATIONS** – Deputy Chief Rahn shared the following with the Commissioners:

- a. Certificate of Commendation for Officers Matthew Mello and Christopher Park – Case #1216-18.

On 3/10/18 a call was received from an out-of-state family member reporting a sibling who resided in Milford had inflicted harm to themselves. Officers were dispatched to victim's home and were able to secure a spare key and entered the victim's residence where they found him in serious condition. Officer Mello immediately applied tourniquet to wounded area and applied pressure to the wound. Both officers continued emergency first aid measures until EMT arrived. It was later learned that if both officers had not intervened and provided life saving measures to the individual, the outcome would have been tragic.

**12. Executive Session**

**It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. for the following matter:**

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter probationary review for 7 Officers.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Commissioners present, Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Rahn remained for Executive Session.)

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to reconvene in public session at 7:21 p.m.

No action necessary.

Being no further business, it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido  
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