

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 7:00 P.M.
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chrmn. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Capt. Alexopoulos; Ald. Vetro, D. Candido, Secty.

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

Motion was made by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to add to the agenda as follows:

6e. Informational: Accident free mileage awards (8 hours compensatory time) to the following: Officers Banks, .Noss, Sgt. DelMonte.

6f. \$325 donation from Geoffrey Nielson for future purchase of K-9

10 a. Crosswalks to be located at North & South Broad Street.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS – none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- J. Carissimi – 64 Kirkside Ave. - shared comments regarding the very busy month of April including a successful recruit graduation and he made mention of the efforts of Officer DeVito, Det. Pecorarro and Capt. Alexopoulos in ensuring the event ran smoothly. As well he recognized Dave Feda and other members from Platt Tech for their technical assistance with video. Further, the CPAAV Alumni who provided necessary assistance to the recruit graduation, DARE graduation, Drug Take Back Day event, and the Daniel Wasson Memorial event.

In the absence of CPAAV alumni, Sue Jerue, Mr. Carissimi shared her comments regarding the success of the four events and to also note that she is happy to be a part of the Police Dept. family and especially grateful for the trust and honor bestowed upon the alumni by Chief Mello.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried with Comm. Wanosky and Jagoe abstaining as they were not present at that specific meeting.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

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- Frank Tetti, Jr. AVP Corporate Safety & Security, Webster Bank – referred to bank robbery at Webster Bank on 3/23/17 noting the police response was quick and pictures of the suspect and vehicle used by suspect were provided. Further, CT Bankers Assoc. offered a \$500 reward for information about the robbery and a short time after that was published, Sgt. Bassett received information regarding a possible suspect. Through Sgt. Bassett's investigation, a suspect was arrested and charged with the robbery. The following were commended for their professionalism and assistance in this arrest: Det. Sgt. Bassett, Det. Catino, Det. Macharelli, Officers Moreno and Magnan and Blythe Gosp..
- Note of thanks for the donation made by the Department to the Dash for Danni (Kemp) event
- Resident – was at the Golden Corral Restaurant on 4/30 and noted a officer who was on foot patrol and was pleased to commend him for his courtesy, good humor and general professionalism. (Officer O'Keefe). He added he has observed the same pattern in the officers he has come in contact with at other times.
- **6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**
 - a. \$10 donation from car seat inspection – motion was made by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the \$10 donation from car seat inspection and place in the DARE account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Police Sick & Relief Fund CD maturity notice – motion was made by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to have the Police Sick & Relief Fund CD remain invested at Milford Bank.

Comm. Wanosky asked if any of the funds were needed, would it be necessary to break the CD and Chief Mello explained it would not as there are other funds available.

Motion carried with Vice Chrmn. Bergami abstaining.

- c. Donation from Rick Persico for our K9 fund – motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept the \$100 donation from Rick Persico and place that in the funds for future purchase of a K-9.

Chief Mello added he could not foresee any additional K-9 need in the near future.

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Chief's General comments – Chief Mello agreed with the comments made by Mr. Carissimi regarding the amount of work done behind the scenes to make the academy graduation run so smoothly. He added he was not sure when there will be another recruit academy adding our academy in Milford provides an additional one month of training which that, among other issues, makes Milford a leader in the state for such academies.

Comm. Jagoe complimented Chief Mello adding the ceremony is always very impressive.

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Chrmn. Smith added he continues to be impressed by the class speakers.

- e. Informational: Accident free mileage awards (8 hours compensatory time) to the following: Officers Banks, .Noss, Sgt. DelMonte.
- f. \$325 donation from Geoffrey Nielson for future purchase of K-9 – motion was made by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to accept the \$325 donation from Geoffrey Nielson for future purchase of K-9. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING & ZONING REQUESTS

a. 4-8 Clark Street – demolish 3 story home/garage to create parking lot – it was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve Traffic Division recommendation regarding 4-8 Clark Street – demolish 3 story home/garage to create parking lot . Motion carried unanimously.

b. 178 Seaside Ave – (8-30G) - 12 Unit Residential Complex - it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve Traffic Div. recommendation to deny the request based on safety concerns with regard to the sanitation trucks access.

Comm. Faruolo noted she has not yet signed off on the request and had additional questions specifically regarding access by emergency vehicles.

Comm. Rubenstein asked what the protocol is for developers to implement a plan to ensure garbage will be removed safely.

Chief Mello explained the developer will have to come up with an alternative plan to pick up the garbage, adding the Traffic Div. only looks at the plan with regard to safety issues. Chief stated he will get the answers to the questions posed and get back to Commission at next month's meeting.

Chrmn. Smith explained in order to send the message that this body is concerned with safety and site line issues, it is necessary to deny the request which will then go to P & Z.

Comm. Jagoe noted this Department has been authorized by the city to have traffic engineers look at such requests.

Chrmn. Smith stated this request will go back to the builder for further study and they will come back with a revised plan.

Representative of the developer was present and stated they have already received approval from Fire Dept and he added every 830-G development in the city has the same situation with regard to sanitation trucks. He also noted every department within the city has passed this plan.

Capt. Alexopoulos added there have been other plans sent back for redesign.

Chief Mello stated this plan has concerns regarding sanitation pick up.

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Developer stated it is possible to go with individual containers for each unit and have them wheeled out to the street as we do in other 830-G's in Milford. He submitted to Chief Mello a traffic study and Chief Mello stated he would have the Traffic Division review the study. Chief Mello recommended this matter be tabled at this time and the amended report will be present to this board next month.

The makers of the original motion to approve Traffic Div. recommendation to deny the request based on safety concerns with regard to the sanitation trucks access withdrew their motion.

Motion was made by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to table 178 Seaside Ave – (8-30G) - 12 Unit Residential Complex. Motion carried unanimously.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

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

Comm. Rubenstein referred to 17 year old who was listed under Juvenile Report for carrying a pistol without a license. He felt that matter is something we need to be aware of and he expressed concern for our officers that a 17 year old would be carrying such a firearm.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Crosswalks to be located at North & South Broad Street.- Chief Mello referred to the work done in Milford Center with the brick crosswalks at the intersection of Broad & River Street, noting that work was specifically for aesthetic purposes but it has been a tool to make drivers more aware at that busy intersection. He added plans are now underway to do the same type of brick crosswalks on North & South Broad adding it is a congested area in the Milford center and pedestrian traffic is heavy in that area so the addition of those brick crosswalk lines might add to slowing down traffic.

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the addition of crosswalks (brick lined) to be located at North & South Broad Street as explained by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

11. COMMENDATIONS - none

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of Report of Chief of Police on matters concerning the Appointment, Employment, Performance, Evaluation, Health, or Dismissal of Department Employees.

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It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for the following matters:

- a. 3rd quarter review for 7 Probationary Officers
- b. Consideration of the performance of one employee.

Police Commissioners present, Chief Mello and Capt. Alexopoulos remained for executive session.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to reconvene in public session at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido
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