

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chrmn. Jagoe called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Anthony Candido (7:04), Carol Faruolo, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, Jerold Wanosky

COMMISSIONER NOT PRESENT: Melvin Eisenhandler

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Ald. Vetro; Mr. Mead, P & Z Liaison; D. Candido, Secty.

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS – none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ald. Vetro stated the Democratic side of the Board of Aldermen will work diligently to keep the 2012-2013 budget as clean and fair as possible. He noted the aldermen will be voting on the proposed budget on May 17, 2012 and the public is invited and welcomed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- Dorothy Herrera-Niles – Field Operations Director, U.S. Immigrations Customs and Enforcement, Enforcement & Removal Operations – thanked Chief Mello for the department's participation in Operation Crosscheck which took place throughout New England in late March. The letter explained Operation Crosscheck was executed simultaneously throughout the country and the objective of this task was to apply combined resources of many law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest aliens, fugitives, re-entries and at-large criminal aliens throughout the U.S as well to promote national security and public safety in the U.S. The Milford officers who participated demonstrated a high level of dedication and commitment. (Similar letters were addressed to Chief Mello, Officers Holder, Aquino and Noss).
- Douglas Worth, Special Agent – Dept. of Treasury, IRS – letter of recognition of the efforts of Det. Sgt. Chacon for his assistance with the recent arrest of Milford resident, Robert Santillo. The letter noted Sgt. Chacon's commendable performance, as well as Officer Doyle who assisted, was beyond IRS Dept.'s expectations and they were a true asset to the safely executed enforcement operation and should be duly commended for their team work

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and being an excellent example of both federal and municipal law enforcement agencies working together.

- Jay Andronaco, Director of Operations - Special Olympics – thanked Officer Nielson for his time and effort at the recently Special Olympic Chili Fest.
- Gene Marcucci, Chief of Police – Woodbridge Police Dept. – thanked the Department for assisting with the canine search at Amity High School. The letter commended Officer Lima for his professionalism and hopefully will have the opportunity to work together in the future.
- Retired Capt. Robinson – Milford Resident – thanked Chief Mello for the invitation to attend the Officer Wasson Memorial Service and Breakfast. He stated the service at the cemetery was a moving and respectful gesture to Officer Wasson's memory. He also noted, on behalf of Bridgeport Police Dept. Honor Guard, their appreciation to be present and participate.

Chairman Jagoe commended Chief Mello and the department for the extremely moving ceremony and tribute to Officer Wasson.

Chief Mello informed the Commissioners that he was proud of the fact that almost all of the department was present at headquarters at 4 a.m. readying themselves for the ceremony. He added many department retirees were also in attendance.

- Rosemary Kitchen – Milford resident – thanked Chief Mello for the care and courtesy demonstrated by the officers who responded to a 911 call for her husband; deeply touched and appreciative of the difficult work officers must do, she stated she will continue to pray for all officers in the department every day.
- Lauren Duchon – Buckingham Avenue – thanked Det. Kopazna for responding to the family during recent difficult times. Also noted her appreciation to Det. Kopazna for taking the time to explain the circumstances of her mother's death.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

a. Donation to Police Sick and Relief Fund – Chief Mello reported a \$70 donation was received from Margaret Nourse and Carolyn Mulvey and he recommended this donation amount be placed in the Police Sick and Relief Fund.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the \$70 donation from Margaret Nourse and Carolyn Mulvey and as recommended by Chief Mello, apply the donation to the Police Sick and Relief Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Accident free mileage awards - It was moved by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to award eight hours of comp time for an accumulation of 12,000 safe driving miles with no safety violations to Officers C. Doyle, J. Kranyak, W. Lugo, M. Moreno and M. Thornberg. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS - none

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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- a. Uniform Crime Report
- b. Special Investigations Unit Report
- c. Crime Prevention Services Report
- d. Traffic Division & Licensing Unit Report

Chrmn. Jagoe noted the reports of items a, b, c and d were included in the Commissioners packets.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to accept reports a, b, c and d as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Parking changes – Naugatuck Ave/Monroe St./E. Broadway – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to accept the recommendation of Traffic Division regarding parking changes - Naugatuck Ave/Monroe St./E. Broadway.

Comm. Faruolo stated she agreed with the report but was concerned with the recommendation to deny the angled parking. She made reference to the expense involved for grinding down the roadway and specific markings and Chief Mello explained this would be a Public Works expense and therefore he did not know what the cost might be. He also noted that backing out of a space and into traffic could obstruct traffic flow.

Chief Mello explained the department makes it's recommendation on such issues based on the Traffic Division recommendation; however, the Commission can make their recommendation based on other considerations that may need to be weighed.

Comm. Faruolo emphasized the fact that her opinion is a non-political piece and she personally felt the angled parking would be a easy solution to adding parking in the area.

Motion carried with Comm. Faruolo voting no.

Chief Mello reminded the Commissioners that this item had come before them in the past (2009). He noted many calls have been received about this matter and the Walnut Beach Association is in favor of making changes.

11. COMMENDATIONS

Chief Mello explained the department had solved a recent robbery based on a finger print. He noted that due to expenses involved, our department is not connected to IAFIS*, the FBI fingerprinting data base system; however, West Haven's department is and therefore the assistance of Det. William Oakley, West Haven PD was sought out and at this time we are commending him for his assistance in making the arrest.

* Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS)

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12. Executive Session

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND HEALTH OR DISMISSAL OF DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

Prior to adjourning to Executive Session, Chief Mello informed the Commissioners that the Deputy Chiefs and other members of the department were in Washington, D.C. for the Police Memorial Week event.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. for the following matter:

- a. Consideration of the performance of 3 officers.
- b. 2nd Quarter Probationary review for Officer Noel Luth
- c. Discussion of performance of Probationary Officers

All Commissioners present and Chief Mello remained in Executive Session.

[Note: Ald. Vetro, Mr. Mead and members of the public left at 7:27 p.m.)

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to reconvene in public session at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Consideration of the performance of 3 officers – It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to uphold and support Chief Mello's recommendation regarding the performance of 3 officers. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Discussion of performance of Probationary Officers – It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to uphold Chief Mello's recommendation to extend the probation of said officers as discussed in executive session for 6 months. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Candido, Secretary