

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chrmn. Jagoe 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, Ald. Vetro, Mr. Mead (P & Z), Mr. & Mrs. Carissimi, D. Candido, Secty.

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

It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to reorder the agenda to bring item 12 Executive Session to this point in the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Smith to adjourn to Executive session at 7:04 p.m. for consideration of Report of Chief of Police on matters concerning the Appointment,

Employment, Performance, Evaluation, Health, or Dismissal of Department Employees.

- a. 1st Quarter review for two (2) Probationary Officers
- b. Sick Time deficit review for one Officer
- c. Police Sick and Relief Fund assistance request

Motion carried unanimously.

Included in Executive Session were Chief Mello and the commissioners.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to reconvene in public session at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to uphold Chief Mello's recommendation with regard to the following matters:

- a. 1st Quarter review for two (2) Probationary Officers
- b. Sick Time deficit review for one Officer (30 day sick time extension)
- c. Police Sick and Relief Fund assistance request in the amount of \$4,800.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS - none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ald. Vetro took the opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy & Safe New Year to the commission members, Chief Mello and the Department.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- J. Doyle, Div. of Criminal Justice, Office of the State's Attorney, New Haven – letter of thanks to the Department for the assistance provided in the State of CT vs. Patrick Young investigation, noting the skill of our department's dive team was able to find a firearm, under difficult conditions, in our harbor and this led to a conviction which would not have been possible without the skills of our officers.
- L. Czajkowski – expressed thanks and appreciation to an officer who stopped him and exhibited a polite and professional demeanor.
- CT State Special Olympics – expressed appreciation to the following officers who participated and helped with the recent Special Olympic bowling event. Specifically, Sgt. Vitti, Det. Broderick, Officers DeVito, Dempsey, Davidson and Bova.
- Robt. Dickman – Scout Master for Den 7, Pack 7 – expressed thanks for the Police Dept. Tour especially for Officer Emily Sopchak for her patience and professionalism with the scouts.
- Orange Avenue School PTA – expressed appreciation to the department for their participation in the recent Trunk or Treat Event held at the school.
- Eric Muth, Parkland Place – explained that following the Veterans Day Parade he was walking back to his parked car and experienced difficulty in walking. He praised Officer Kranyak who stopped to offer assistance and took him back to his car. He added the city and the department should be proud of the professionalism, caring and respect shown by this officer.

Comm. Smith stated he was approached by State Rep. Kim Rose about this matter and she asked if it was possible to attend a future Police Comm. meeting to recognize Officer Kranyak for his attention to this man.

Chief Mello stated that was kind of her however this is what our officers do routinely and they do not expect special recognition for such action.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

- a. Request authorization to carry off duty weapons – Officers who have qualified – Chief Mello explained that recently a review of all of the officers who have been authorized to carry off duty weapons revealed there are officers whose weapons have qualified but have not been approved by this board. Chief Mello noted the weapons had been checked and verified to be used for off duty law enforcement actions.

It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to approve Off Duty weapon requests for the following officers:

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Richard Anderson	Peter Hoff
Antonio Aquino (2)	Scot Knablin
Dan Bedeker	John Kraynak (2)
John Binkowski	Christopher Lennon (2)
David Bodnar	William Localzo (2)
Chris Cacchillo	Kevin Macharelli
Henry Chacon	Kyle Magnan
Michael Compare	Richard Mahoney
Tyrone Dancy (2)	Alfred Mauro
Brandon Davidson	Springfield Napoletano
Joseph Dempsey	Edward O'Keefe (2)
Joseph Destefano	James O'Keefe (2)
Nate Doerr (2)	Vincent Senatore
Steven DuBrow	Collin Walsh (2)
Vaughan Dumas	Mitchell Warwick (2)
Andrew Dunaj (2)	Douglass Youd
Christopher Dunn (2)	Steve Young
Austin Groves	Krystian Sbikowski

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Chief's General comments – Chief Mello reported there are three tiers of Police Department accreditation in the State of CT and Milford is one of a few departments in the state who have received Tier I, II and III. He shared the Certificate of Accreditation for Tier III with the commissioners and added it would be his desire to have the department work toward National accreditation. He explained it is an expensive process to get the initial National accreditation but he felt this department is close to seeking it.

Chief Mello was pleased to report the police boat recently purchased through grant funds is now in the harbor and is a tremendous asset. He explained that it is his hope that the department will continue to be allowed to keep the boat where it is without any cost for the slip and such a request has been submitted to the Harbor Commission for consideration.

Comm. Rubinstein congratulated Chief Mello and the department for the Tier III accreditation and added he hopes such a recognition will be publicized in the newspaper.

Chief Mello reported later this week three officers will be promoted to Sergeant; specifically Officers Nielsen, Cacchillo and DeStefano.

Regarding the recent annual auction, Chief Mello reported the net proceeds for the auction was \$1,465 and he added he was appreciative of the help of the Citizens Police Academy alumni for their help with this event. He recommended the proceeds from the auction be placed in the DARE account.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to place the \$1,465 auction proceeds in the DARE account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried

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unanimously.

Chief Mello distributed comparative budget information to the members from other towns similar in size in terms of sworn personnel (West Haven, Fairfield, Hamden, Stratford and others).

Comm. Smith offered information regarding an opportunity offered to the department through Public Works for replacement of boiler, HVAC, lights partially through grant funding and the remainder through -0- interest loan.

Chief Mello agreed this would be an excellent opportunity and Comm. Smith stated he will follow up with the Director of Public Works and have him contact Chief Mello.

Comm. Smith also raised questions regarding officers receiving specialized training for using a department motorcycle.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS - none

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

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

Comm. Faruolo questioned why the ticket revenue was lower this month and Chief Mello explained it is normally lower around the holidays because of less punitive enforcement.

Comm. Faruolo noted with regard to the Detective Bureau Report, why there were open cases that had been open for a long while and Chief Mello explained cases are open until they are solved. He added in some instances they are not solved because there is a heavy caseload and they cannot be properly investigated.

Comm. Rubinstein asked with regard to the Crime Prevention Report, what was the Tip Soft Public Engine Demo and it was explained it is technical apparatus.

Further he asked who determines how much licensing fees are and he was told those fees are set by City ordinance.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request for Stop Sign – Housatonic/High St. – it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and

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seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve Traffic Div. recommendation to deny this request. Motion carried unanimously.

b. No Parking Request – Broadway/St. Gabriel's Church – it was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to approve Traffic Div. recommendation with regard to a No Parking Request – Broadway/St. Gabriel's Church. Motion carried unanimously.

11. COMMENDATIONS - none

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – previously acted on

Being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido

Submitted to City Clerk, December 9, 2014