

Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Held Tuesday, October 15, 2013
Staff Conference Room – Police Headquarters

Commissioner Jagoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Alberta Jagoe, Sam Bergami, Sharon Marrone, Carol Faruolo, Richard Smith, Jerold Wanosky. Chip Rubenstein.

Also Present: Chief Keith Mello, Deputy Chief Tracy Mooney, Marcia Krusewski, Sec. Alderman Brian Anderson arrived at 7:10 p.m.

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

2. Consideration of Appointments - none

3. Citizen Comments

Chief Mello acknowledged John and Barbara Carissimi who were present thanking them for all their assistance. Chief Mello asked John if he has seen the Simon Lake training facility and encouraged him to check it out.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Bergami and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 2013. Motion carried with one abstention.

5. Reading of Correspondence

Chief Mello read the following correspondence that was received:

A letter from K9 Crime Stoppers thanking Officer Matt Lima for attending and being a part of Police Dog Appreciation night.

A letter of thanks from Michael Daddonna Jr from Automated Services thanking the Officers and especially Det. Robert Nash for the apprehension of a burglary suspect at their business.

2 Letters of thanks from William Ziebell thanking Sgt. Jack Simko and Officer Richard Mahoney regarding working at the Primary election at Meadowside School.

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A letter of appreciation regarding Officer Eric Robinson was sent by Christine Schreiber.

A letter of appreciation regarding our DARE program at Calf Pen Meadow School from the school principal who thanked Officers DelMonte, Lugo and Mills who present the program at that school.

A complimentary letter regarding Officer Stephen Noss was sent by Joe Verrastro for his assistance.

A complimentary letter from Charles Sherwood, Director of South Central Criminal Justice Administration thanking Deputy Chief Mooney for serving on a recent oral board.

6. Consideration of Report of Chief on Matters of Administration.

a. Sgt. Melissa Dempsey has retired effective 9/27/13. Chief Mello noted that Sgt. Dempsey has retired after a long career. Officer James O'Keefe will run the training office and Master Sgt. John Burton will run our training academy.

b. Off Duty Weapon Authorization for Officer David Pecorraro. It was moved by Commission Faruolo and seconded by Commission Bergami to approve the off duty weapon authorization for Officer Pecorraro.

c. Donation from Tracy Cadigan. Ms. Cadigan donated \$10.00 during a car seat inspection recently held at Fire Station #8. Chief Mello recommended that this donation be placed in our DARE donation account. Motion was made by Commissioner Bergami and seconded by Commission Rubenstein to approve this donation. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Safe Driving Mileage Awards to the following Officers: E. Covelli, V. Dumas, A. Dunaj, D. Frith, C. Lennon, Z. McNemar, W. Ospina, E. Robinson, and G. Todice. It was moved by Commissioner Bergami and seconded by Commissioner Wanosky to award eight hours of comp time for the accumulation of 12,000 safe driving miles to the officers noted. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Report on Planning and Zoning Requests

a. 121 West Main Street – Metro Crossing
It was moved by Commission Wanosky and seconded by Commissioner Faruolo to approve the Traffic Division recommendation to reject this application as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. There were no comments on this submission.

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8. Acceptance of Reports

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

It was moved by Commissioner Bergami and seconded by Commissioner Wanosky to approved reports a through e that were included in the Commissioners packets. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Unfinished Business - none

10. New Business

- a. Two hour parking limit request – Green Street – requested by Carol Smith.

It was moved by Commissioner Wanosky and seconded by Commissioner Rubenstein to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Division regarding the two hour parking request on Green Street. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. No Parking Sign request – Cleveland Ave/Bpt Ave – requested by a Cleveland Avenue resident.

It was moved by Commissioner Faruolo and seconded by Commissioner Bergami to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Division regarding the no parking request on Cleveland Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Mello discussed a parking issue regarding waivers and temporary permits in the downtown area. He indicated that over the years various groups have requested permission for parking waivers based on events that have occurred. But there are groups of people that have used stickers and waivers to park in restricted areas and have gotten tickets. Chief Mello said that we will contact these groups and seek either an ordinance and have them appear at the Police Commission meeting to seek permission for these parking waivers.

Commissioner Jagoe was not sure of what Chief Mello was referring to. Chief Mello said that some downtown employees have been issued placards to park in restricted areas. The businesses don't want their employees to park in front of their businesses. Chief Mello would

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like to have the Traffic division look at their parking waivers. He indicated he would call the groups that have created these waivers. Question was asked who created these waivers and Chief Mello indicated Milford Progress was one of them. Commissioner Bergami said that he was on the Milford Progress and doesn't remember the waivers.

Commissioner Jagoe commented on how hard it is to find parking behind the library. Chief Mello felt that it was probably out of town residents parking there.

The discussion ended with the Chief saying that he would contact Milford Progress on this issue.

11. Commendations - none

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.

It was moved by Commissioner Bergami and seconded by Commissioner Wanosky to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:10 pm. for items a, b and to add item c – Discussion of Grievance #4-2013.

- a. 3rd quarter review for 5 Probationary Officers.
- b. 2nd quarter review for 1 Probationary Officer.

All Commissioners present, Chief Mello and D/Chief Mooney remained in Executive Session.

It was moved by Commissioner Bergami and seconded by Commissioner Wanosky to reconvene in public session at 8:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Bergami and seconded by Commissioner Wanosky to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marcia Krusewski