

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held at the Southington Police Department on August 11, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Verderame at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Bedard, Nevelos, Pestillo, and Della Vecchia were present.

Chief Daly, Captain Simone, and Captain Palmieri were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bedard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes.

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT. Chief Daly presented the Commission with the current bills for their review and consideration.

REPORT TO COMMISSIONERS BY CHIEF DALY

- A. **Building Maintenance Discussion.** Captain Simone brought the Commission up to date with the repair of the existing oil tanks and the time frame for the completion of the air conditioning unit in the Communications Room.

- B. **Special Needs Registry Update.** Ms. Sharon Neupaver was present to provide an overview on the progress of the registry. Handouts of the 911 Special Needs Form and a brochure explaining how the registry works and the benefit it provides was

handed out. Ms. Neupaver went on to explain how this handout will be circulated throughout the town through advertising and a specific marketing campaign.

- C. Commission on Deaf and Hearing Impaired Agreement. Captain Simone brought to the attention of the Commissioners that the contract with the State lapsed which enables the Police Department access to interpreters for dealing with hearing impaired individuals. Capt. Simone added the only cost involved is when an interpreter is requested at the Department.

- D. Capital Improvement Plan. Chief Daly informed the Commission that the Town had asked for input from the major departments for a five year improvement plan for the fiscal year 2012 – 2016/2017. Chief Daly further explained there were six areas of consideration that were included in the Police Department's plan. These items included a new CAD /RMS System, new cameras for areas in town, an open air carport for protection of the police cruisers, police firing range, an update to the three full service town owned traffic lights, and a town wide digital radio system (to include all the radio systems throughout the town) to replace the current broadband system.

- E. Rails to Trails Update. Chief Daly explained to the Commission at a prior meeting the need for a locator system to be implemented on the trail to readily assist those in need due to various medical problems or emergency situations. Through a coordinated effort with the Regional Rails to Trails Agency, the Police Department has implemented a system with markings along the trail designating the town in which the trail is running through and mile markers every .5 miles. This will aid the police dispatchers in providing a basic access point of the trail where an individual requires assistance. Subsequently, this will enable emergency services to arrive faster to the designated location.

- F. 2011-2012 Budge Update. Chief Daly highlighted the budget progress to date as being off to a good start being on target as planned.

- G. Activity Report – June/July 2011. Captain Palmieri gave an overview of the arrests for both June and July noting an increase in NIBRS in both months. A causing factor explained by the Captain was the increase in vandalism with regard to damage to mailboxes in town. Captain Palmieri informed the Commission the target date to go live with the License Plate Reader will be the end of September. Additionally, an update was given on the AMR/EMD interface.

- H. Letter from Justin Armack. Chief Daly read Justin Armack’s letter of resignation for the Commissions consideration.

- I. Police Officer Vacancy. Chief Daly explained the need for an additional officer to fill a current vacancy. The Chief explained that additional factors creating this need over the past months include one officer’s long term workmen compensation injury and two officer’s currently assigned to active military deployment.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Art Cyr of 103 Berlin Ave., Southington attended the meeting to thank the Chief and Town Manager for taking such quick action as to rectify the problem with speeding motor vehicles which cross the trail in this area. Mr. Cyr also complimented the Department’s Facebook Page with regard to the information provided in an informative and timely manner.

OLD BUSINESS

Action on Bills Submitted for Payment. Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to pay the bills as submitted by Chief Daly, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor. Motion passes.

Action on Deaf and Hearing Impaired. Motion made by Commissioner Nevelos to renew the contract with the State of Connecticut in which interpreters will be provided to aid in dealing with the hearing impaired, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes.

Action on Capital Improvement Plan. Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to accept the Capital Improvement Plan as presented by Chief Daly, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor. Motion passes.

Action on Letter from Justin Armack. Motion made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to accept, with regrets, letter of resignation from Justin Armack, seconded by Commissioner Bedard. All in favor. Motion passes.

ALLOTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Della Vecchia brought to the attention of the Commission that a stop sign is down at Andrews St. at Kensington Rd. Chief Daly stated he would pass this information on to the Traffic Division.

Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to adjourn the Regular Meeting and go immediately into Executive Session, including Chief Daly, Captain Simone, and Captain Palmieri for the purpose of discussing grievances 11-3, 11-4, and 11-5 and personnel and contractual issues, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Carol Hageman

Recording Secretary

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Executive Session

Chairman Verderame called the Executive Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Bedard, Nevelos, Pestillo, and Della Vecchia, Chief Daly, Captain Simone and Captain Palmieri.

Motion made by Commissioner Pestillo to adjourn the Executive Session and go back into Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Regular Meeting after Executive Session

Chairman Verderame called the Regular Meeting after Executive Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Bedard, Nevelos, Pestillo, and Della Vecchia, Chief Daly, Captain Simone and Captain Palmieri.

ACTION ON OFFICER VACANCY. Motion made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to accept the recommendation made by Chief Daly for the lateral hiring of Kevin Naranjo of the Farmington Police Department, as a police officer for the Department subject to the completion of all physical, background and psychological testing, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor. Motion passes.

ACTION ON GRIEVANCE 11-3. Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to deny Grievance 11-3, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes.

ACTION ON GRIEVANCE 11-4. Motion made by Commissioner Nevelos to deny Grievance 11-4, seconded by Commissioner Bedard. All in favor. Motion passes.

ACTION ON GRIEVANCE 11-5. Motion made by Commissioner Pestillo to deny Grievance 11-5, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes.

Chairman Verderame calls for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor. Motion passes at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol Hageman

Recording Secretary