

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held at the Southington Police Department Conference Room on March 10, 2011.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Simone.

Commissioner Verderame called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2011.

Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. All in favor. Motion passes.

Approval of Bills. Chairman called for a motion to approve payment of bills as presented by Chief Daly and reviewed by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Nevelos to pay said bills, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes.

Report to Commissioners by Chief Daly

- A. Facilities Assessment Discussion. Chief Daly discussed the request of the Town Manager to all departments to put together an assessment of any current building problems within the town. Chief Daly stated these problems have been brought to the attention of the Building Maintenance Committee and is currently an ongoing process in addressing these issues.
- B. Rails to Trails Discussions. Issues addressed included, but not limited to, trail patrol, crosswalks, access, improvements, and response to problems on the trail. Chief Daly explained a proposed solution to the public needing help while on the trail, or a problem that may arise, by

designating certain sections of the trail specific to color and number. These areas would be linked into dispatch which would enable the caller to state what number and color area he is in and in turn dispatch would enter this into the system. This would automatically call for the appropriate unit to respond to said location. Discussion held.

- C. Budget Discussion. Chief Daly gave an overview of the Finance Board Meeting held on March 9, 2011. Additionally, discussion was held regarding the meeting held with the Town Finance Department and their request for department heads input on ways to save money over the next year.
- D. Car Seat Clinic Class. Chief Daly announced the Southington Police Department, in conjunction with Safe Kids in Connecticut, will be holding a 32 hour child passenger safety technician class from April 18<sup>th</sup> thru April 21<sup>st</sup>. Southington officer will be attending the class, as well as members of the Fire Department. An invitation was also extended to CERT for their members to also attend.
- E. Play by the Rules Program. Chief Daly gave a synopsis of the first semester of this program implemented into Depaolo and Kennedy Middle Schools. It was concluded that although this is a pilot program which is in its early stages, the response from the students, teachers, and the officer teaching the program was very favorable. The Play by the Rules Program has started its second semester and will continue.
- F. EMD Update. Captain Palmieri reported that the program went into full effect on February 15, 2011 and has been running free of problems and is continually being monitored. The State reviewed the operation, its policies and procedures, and we are now state certified. Discussion was held on various avenues of funds available to the Town and the utilization of same.

- G. Activity Update, February. Captain Palmieri gave an overview of the monthly report including parking enforcement in the center of town, officer's monthly activity, drug arrests, and dui arrests. Captain Palmieri further stated that there was a reduction in NIBRS offenses which is the current trend across the United States. Captain Palmieri recognized Officers Lamarre, Carrubba, and Valentine on outstanding police work demonstrated on a recent critical situation which was resolved in the best possible manner based on the tactics they deployed.

#### Commissioner Communications.

Commissioner Pestillo brought to the attention of Chief Daly and the Commissioners a question from the public regarding the painting of the curbs in the center of town designated as no parking areas. Chief Daly explained that the Renaissance Committee asked them to not be painted due to the content of the curbing being granite. Chief Daly also went on to explain that areas on Center St. have recently been painted and areas are signed properly and are enforceable as no parking areas. A second question from the public by Commissioner Pestillo addressed the procedure of ticketing cars for parking in non-parking areas during special events which command high attendance by the public. Discussion held on procedure and solutions.

#### Public Communications.

None

#### Old Business.

- A. Military deployment action on same. Chief Daly requested a vote on Detective Egan's pay scale while on military leave in Afghanistan. He first explained that past practice on the pay rate consisted of paying an officer on military leave the difference between what he is getting paid in the military and what he would make if he were at the Department.

Motion made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to continue the practice of paying Detective Egan as we have for other officers that have been deployed in the past, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor.  
Motion passes.

All Other Business.

None

Motion made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to adjourn the Regular Meeting and go immediately into Executive Session, including Chief Daly, Captain Simone, and Captain Palmieri for the purpose of discussing contractual issues, seconded by Commissioner Bedard. All in favor. Motion passes at 6:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hageman

Recording Secretary

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Executive Session

Chairman Verderame called the Executive Session to order at 6:40p.m.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Nevelos to adjourn the Executive Session and go back into Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes.

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Regular Meeting after Executive Session

Chairman Verderame called the Regular Meeting after Executive Session to order at 7:12p.m.

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

Chairman Verderame called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:13p.m.

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