

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held at the Southington Police Department Conference Room on June 10, 2010.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Verderame followed by a moment of silence in honor of the passing of long time Police Commissioner and Chairman Henry Forgione.

Commissioner Verderame called for a motion to approve the May13, 2010 minutes.

**MOTION made by Commissioner Pestillo to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Approval of bills.** There were none.

### **Report to Commissioners by Chief Daly.**

First Item – Chief Daly called upon Lt. Pocock III for Parking Tag Review. A letter was received regarding a citizen’s request for reconsideration on a Parking Ticket #007623 she received in the municipal parking lot adjacent to the First Congregational Church. She believed that church members were exempt but did submit payment with the letter. Upon completion of discussion by commission members and in that the parking regulations are posted in said area, payment was accepted and request was denied.

Second Item – Chief Daly called upon Lt. Pocock III to review the Service Contracts for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Lt. Pocock III gave a detailed overview of the service contracts which support the daily operations of the Police Department including, but not limited to, equipment maintenance, the computer systems, radio systems, communications, building maintenance, and central dispatch. Due to budget cuts, Lt. Pocock brought attention to areas of savings and the appropriate dates in which to renew for additional reductions. Lt. Pocock also recommended that the Commission not renew Net Motion in the cruisers as the value of the contract does not include premium support but instead premium software support which would be at the cost of \$7,000.00 for the new program, this again, due to budget cuts. Lt. Pocock further explained that his request for the overall budget was

\$49,748.00 and the Finance Board gave him \$45,500.00. Question and answer period followed.

Chairman Verderame called for a motion.

**MOTION to approve all Service Contracts including Attachments A and B as presented by Lt. Pocock III made by Commissioner Della Vecchia, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

Third Item – Chief Daly called upon Lt. Pocock to report on the June 9, 2010 Awards Committee Meeting. Lt. Pocock submitted the committee's recommendations to the Commission as follows: Police Purple Heart: Officer Lowery; Excellent Police Work: Detective Beal, Officer Armack, Officer Joe D'Agostino, Officer Vose, Officer Mahon, and Officer Tillotson; SPD Community Service Award: Jo-Jo's Gun Shop.

In addition to the Command Level Awards, several Achievement Level Awards were also obtained by members of the Department for the purposes of recognition only. Public Appreciation Award: Chief Daly, Captain Simone, and Officer Tom Gallo; American Legion Award: Sgt. DePalma; Honor Guard Achievement: Officer Kahn.

The Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday September 30, 2010.

Chairman Verderame called for a motion.

**MOTION to approve the Awards Committee recommendations made by Commissioner Pestillo, seconded by Commissioner Bedard. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

Fourth Item – Chief Daly called upon Captain Palmieri to report on the May 2010 Activity Report. Capt. Palmieri reviewed the Click It or Ticket Safety Belt/Child Safety Seat Enforcement Program that ran from May 24 thru June 6, 2010. During this time 149 violations were issued in addition to 78 other violations.

Capt. Palmieri commented on the Marcos Mercado Conviction in which Mercado committed a robbery/murder in town in 2007 and recently was convicted of both charges. As a result, he was sentenced to 70 years on both charges. Capt. Palmieri stated that Sgt. Suski was the lead officer on the case and the results were due to an outstanding team effort.

Capt. Palmieri continued on the parking enforcement in the Southington Center area continued, as well as drug arrests made by the Patrol Division. Additionally, Capt. Palmieri reviewed with Commissioners the NIBRS report indicating that vandalism, simple assaults, disorderly conducts, and narcotics violations are down from 2009.

Item 5 – Chief Daly – School Reimbursements. Chief Daly presented a letter to the Commission from Lt. Shanley stating he was returning to school to obtain his Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice at Post University. Lt. Shanley requested his tuition payments, at the cost of \$1,275.00 per class, be reimbursed by the Department upon his successful completion of each semester which is based on contractual requirements.

**MOTION made by Commissioner Nevelos to reimburse Lt. Shanley for tuition costs, seconded by Commissioner Bedard. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

Item 7 – Chief Daly – Police Budget 2010/2011. Chief Daly reported the administration has asked for direction from the Commission regarding recent budget cuts. The main area of concern was the reduction of \$50,000.00 in the overtime budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Due to the fact that the Department has gone back for an additional \$50,000.00 in the current year, the amount down is actually \$100,000.00. An area of concern addressed was that of the cost of the Apple Harvest Festival in which the Commission has directed Chief Daly to submit a letter to the Apple Harvest Committee Chairman with copies to the Town Manager and the Finance Board requesting a second look at this expense and ways to come to a mutually agreeable conclusion.

Chief Daly continued with a request from his secretary Joanne Palmieri in which she has requested a raise for the taking of the minutes of the Police Commission Meeting. The current rate is approximately \$91.00 and she would like a raise to the rate of \$125.00 which is equivalent to several of the other boards in town. The Chief added that the minutes will be taken home to be typed in concert with the raise.

**MOTION made by Commissioner Bedard to increase Ms. Palmieri’s pay for the taking of the Police Commission Minutes to be typed at home to \$125.00, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chief Daly continued extending special thanks to everyone including Capt. Simone and Capt. Palmieri to the fine work they have done in taking on extra duties due to his absence.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner questioned the activity level of the quad that patrols the reservoir and surrounding areas in town. Capt. Palmieri explained that it is being done and once school is out the activity will increase. As it stands currently, we only have three certified drivers and classes for additional certifications are only held on a yearly basis. Capt. Palmieri further explained that when the quad is in use, it goes out on overtime and the Department must monitor these overtime expenses.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ALL OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**MOTION made by Commissioner Bedard to adjourn the regular meeting and go immediately into Executive Session, including Chief Daly, excluding the press and the public, for the purpose of discussing contractual and personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes at 6:35p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hageman

Recording Secretary

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Executive Session

Chairman Verderame called the Executive Session to order at 6:35p.m.

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

**MOTION made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to adjourn the executive session and go back into regular session, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Executive Session adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting after Executive Session

Chairman Verderame called the Regular Meeting after Executive Session to order at 6:55p.m.

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

**MOTION made by Commissioner Nevelos to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo, all in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.

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