

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held at the Southington Police Department on June 9, 2011.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Officer George Trostel.

Presentation by Vigilant Video. Mr. Kevin Schneider of Warnock Fleet, Regional Distributor for Vigilant Video, made a presentation to the Board of the Car Detector Mobile System. This system captures and records license plates that pass through the eye of a "License Plate Recognition" camera when installed in a police cruiser. The system processes up to four cameras that enable a license plate to be read, the information being sent to a server, and information returned to the officer that includes but not limited to audible and visual alerts by priority, vehicle images, GPS, date and time, "hot list "alerts and notifications with the ability to search partial plates to aid in solving crimes more effectively. The Commission was shown a video with the system in use in addition to a demonstration with a Warnock Fleet car fully equipped with the system. Cost of a two camera system for \$12,500.00 versus a three camera system for \$13,500.00 was discussed along with a question and answer period to obtain additional information.

Presentation to Officer George Trostel. Chief Daly presented Officer Trostel with an Official Proclamation from the Town Council, upon his retirement, honoring him for his forty years of dedicated service to the Town of Southington in his capacity as a law enforcement officer. The Town Council has also named June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as George R. Trostel Day in the Town of Southington.

Approval of Minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. 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. LTA Report. Chief Daly announced that the Parking Authority will be holding a meeting at the Police Department on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. to address the overnight parking in the town parking lots. Officer Jay Watson will attend the meeting. Chief Daly went on to inform the Commission of a discussion with Tony Tranquillo regarding making Merrell Ave. a one way street eastbound. Further research is being done on this issue.
  
- B. Building Maintenance Discussion. Captain Simone informed the Commission that the oil tank bid has been awarded to Environmental Tank Technology out of Durham, Ct. They are hoping to start the project within the month. Captain Simone went on to address few additional minor building maintenance items before continuing with the next item

of concern being the quality of service provided by the present contractor, Spruce Hill, hired to maintain the grounds surrounding the Department. Discussion was held addressing the current problems and how they have been ongoing since the previous year including notifying the company that the working being done was not satisfactory. Additional discussion held regarding other options to rectify this problem which included the consideration of retaining Schmidt Lawn Care to take over the landscaping in replacement of Spruce Hill.

- C. Special Needs Registry Update. Captain Palmieri informed the Commission a meeting was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> with the committee. Mr. George Pohorilak and Ms. Sharon Neupaver would like to attend the next Police Commission Meeting to provide an overview on the progress so far with the registry.
- D. 2010-2011 Budget Update. Chief Daly reported that we are ending the year on track and look forward to the next budget year.
- E. 2011-2012 Budget Update. Chief Daly stated that the next budget year is in order.
- F. Equipment Requests. Chief Daly held a discussion on the sale and/or repairs to the 2007 Lincoln MKZ received by the Police Department through a Judgment. Consideration was given to the vehicle being repaired for a cost of \$2500.00.

Captain Palmieri presented the Commission with a video demonstration of the use of the video/recorder camera discussed at the previous meeting. Ofc. Salerno was shown in the video demonstrating the unit during a few motor vehicle stops in town. Discussion held.

- G. May 2011 Activity Report. Captain Palmieri informed the Commission that NIBRS showed a slight increase of 9% compared to May of 2010. He added that the Click It or Ticket campaign was held from May 23<sup>rd</sup> until June 2<sup>nd</sup> and the results showed an 8% increase in seatbelt usage from the time it began at 82% usage until its end date showing a 90% usage. A total of 93 seatbelt violations were issued with an additional 50 miscellaneous motor vehicle violations given out.
- H. Central Dispatch/EMD Update. Captain Palmieri updated the Commission on the training in quality control of the Central Dispatch program and stated that the PD would work toward being accredited in approximately one year.
- I. Retirement Letter from Officer Lester Bouchard. Chief Daly read a letter from Officer Bouchard announcing his retirement from his officer position effective June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 due to medical reasons. Officer Bouchard will remain in his capacity as a dispatcher for the department.

#### Commissioner Communications.

None

#### Public Communications.

Art Cyr of 103 Berlin Ave., Southington, Ct addressed the Commission with, first, commending the department on their response time to a medical call in his area. Mr. Cyr stated the response time was "top notch". Mr. Cyr went on to

express his concern regarding the crosswalk between Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Rails to Trails located at West Main St. in Plantsville. Mr. Cyr has observed that the traffic is coming upon the crosswalk at an unsafe speed while there are pedestrians on the crosswalk. He suggested a sign of some type stating traffic must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk may be in order for that area. Mr. Cyr has also brought this to the attention of the Town Council. Additionally, he brought the issue of graffiti on the trail to the Commission and the need for cameras being placed in specific areas on it.

#### Old Business.

- A. Action on Bills Submitted to Payment. Motion made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to pay bills as submitted by Chief Daly, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor. Motion passes.
  
- B. Action on Building Maintenance Issues. Motion made by Commissioner Nevelos to relieve Spruce Hill of the landscaping care of the Police Department and award the job to Schmidt Lawn Care, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. All in favor. Motion passes.
  
- C. Action on Equipment Request. Motion made by Commissioner Pestillo to purchase the three camera Car Detector System in the amount of \$13,500.00 using Asset Forfeiture funds as presented by Vigilant Video, seconded by Commissioner Della Vecchia. All in favor. Motion passes.
  
- D. Action on Retirement Letter. Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to accept Officer Lester Bouchard's request for retirement, seconded by Commissioner Nevelos. All in favor. Motion passes.

All Other Business.

None

Chief Daly requested the Commission go into Executive Session but stated that Item A listed on the Executive Session agenda has been postponed.

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 personnel and contractual issues, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. All in favor. Motion passes at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carol Hageman

Recording Secretary

Executive Session

Chairman Verderame called the Executive Session to order at 7:45p.m.

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

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 passes at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carol Hageman

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Regular Meeting after Executive Session

Chairman Verderame called the Regular Meeting after Executive Session to order at 8:10p.m.

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

11. Action on Supernumerary. No action. Hearing postponed until further notice.

Chairman Verderame calls for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. All in favor. Motion passes at 8:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carol Hageman

Recording Secretary