

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held at the Southington Police Department conference room on October 16, 2003.

Commissioner Forgione states that in the absence of Chairman Pelletier, a temporary Chairman has to be appointed.

MOTION made by Commissioner Verderame to appoint Commissioner Forgione as Temporary Chairman in the absence of Chairman Pelletier, seconded by Commissioner Sollack. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting called to order by Temporary Chairman, Henry E. Forgione II at 6:05 p.m. Commissioners Sollack, Verderame and Welch were present.

Chairman Pelletier was absent.

Chief John Daly was present

Mr. Stephen B. Hamlin and Ms. Lynn Sullivan from Banknorth Investment Management Group were present.

Mr. Hamlin from Banknorth gave a detailed summation concerning the current pension fund. Commissioner Verderame confirms that the recent ERISA rulings did not affect the police pension fund. He also questioned if Banknorth had a current professional liability policy to cover the Commissioners as Trustees of the pension fund. Query of the difference between a financial planner and a money manager. Mr. Hamlin explained that Banknorth is a money manager and their fee is based on the market values; whereas, a financial planner is interested in purchasing and trading.

Temporary Chairman Forgione requested that the Bank advise the Commissioners concerning the professional liability question. Ms. Sullivan stated she would check into it and send an answer. Discussion as to when the Bank representatives should attend another meeting. Commissioner Verderame comments that prior practice was on a quarterly basis. Commissioners agreed that January 15, 2004 would be acceptable if Chairman Pelletier was also available.

Temporary Chairman Forgione calls for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2003 meeting.

MOTION made by Commissioner Welch to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2003 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sollack. All in favor, motion passes.

Temporary Chairman Forgione calls for a motion to approve billings presented to the Commissioners for payment.

MOTION made by Commissioner Welch to approve any and all bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Verderame.
Motion passes unanimously.

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Chief Daly comments on activity reports stating that in comparing the 2002 motor vehicle reports to the 2003 motor vehicle reports, they will notice that the Department has increased its motor vehicle activity. He explained that was being achieved in three steps. No. 1 the speed wagon is placed on a street; No. 2 the officers follow up with written warnings and No. 3 if the first and second steps don't seem to be working, then motor vehicle enforcement takes place. The Chief states that the speed wagon is being moved around all over the town.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sollack to approve any and all Activity reports as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Welch.
Motion passes unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief comments on the newly created bicycle program. He states that it is a big hit and very well received. The bicycles were used during Apple Festival and the public opinion was that it was preferred and much more approachable than a police cruiser.

The Apple Festival went very well and Temporary Chairman Forgione comments that there seemed to be less confrontations than in the past years. Team work does work comments Chief Daly.

Chief Daly comments that the Open House was a tremendous success. He believed that the attendance for the Open House on Saturday hit 1,000 people and on Thursday about 400. He was very pleased with the public's reception to the new facility.

MOTION made by Commissioner Welch to adjourn the regular meeting and go immediately into executive session, including Chief Daly and excluding the press and the public for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.
Seconded by Commissioner Sollack. Motion passes unanimously at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Palmieri
Recording Secretary