

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held at the Southington Police Department Community Room with Executive Session moved to Chief's Conference Room on October 14, 2010.

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

Present: Chief John Daly
Captain Greg Simone and Captain William Palmieri
Attorney Lou Martocchio

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Daly

Commissioner Verderame called for a motion to approve the September 9, 2010 minutes.

MOTION made by Commissioner Bedard to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2010 seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Verderame called for a motion to approve billings as presented under the monthly Munis Report to the Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to approve the monthly Munis Report as submitted for period September 9, 2010 to October 14, 2010 seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. All in favor, motion passed.

Chief Daly then informed Commissioners that the total in overtime expended for the Apple Festival was \$44,861.48 and to date 47.84% of the overtime budget has been expended.

Report by Chief Daly

Chief Daly informed Commissioners that the Department had applied for a grant under the COPS Hiring Program but unfortunately he had received a letter from the US Department of Justice that they were unable to fund our proposal at this time and the Department was free to reapply.

Chief Daly read a short email from Officer Bernard Mullins which stated, "I plan on retiring on November 1st 2010 providing all paper work is approved and signed by said date, I do not foresee any delays at this time. As always it has been a pleasure working with all of you and a fulfilling 26 year career". Chief Daly further indicated that Officer Mullins is on vacation until November 1st. He further indicated that three officers have expressed an interest in the Traffic Division position and he would be making a decision shortly.

Chief Daly commented on the upcoming STEPS Community Forum which is to take place on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hawk's Landing Country Club. All Commissioners have been invited to attend, this most important meeting, by Kelly Berkmoes, the Project Coordinator.

Chief Daly reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming ELKS Public Safety Night on Thursday, October 21, 2010 and stated Detective Mark Beal is this year's recipient.

Chief Daly turns the meeting over to Capt. Greg Simone who spoke on the ongoing problem with the floor in the Dispatch area at the Department.

Capt. Simone told Commissioners that the flooring in the Dispatch area has been an ongoing problem going back to six months after we moved to Lazy Lane. The flooring has been replaced four times. He indicated the problem was brought before the Town's Building Maintenance Committee led by former Councilman Nicholas DePaola. After reviewing the site and the floor problem, the Committee had contacted Apex Tile, LLC. Capt. Simone indicated the quote was \$2,460 which encompassed the removal of the existing floor, patching floor, install an Armstrong

Standard Excelon VCT flooring and installation. Commissioner Bedard asked if there was any guaranty that would be given. Capt. Simone explained that the problem is with the cement that keeps coming up with the tiling and he was not sure if any guaranty could in fact be secured.

Commissioner Della Vecchia inquired as to what was the cost that the Building Committee incurred back in 2006. The answer was \$2,844.50. Capt. Simone explained that the VCT tile is similar to what is in the Department Hallways and is a much harder surface. The installation would take place over two days during the overnight shift.

After discussion, a consensus by the Commissioners was to move forward to once again replace the tile in the hope of correcting the floor problem.

Chief Daly called upon Capt. Palmieri to discuss the monthly activity report.

Capt. Palmieri indicated that a total of 22 parking tags were issued concerning the parking enforcement in the center of Town as follows: 16 overtime parking, 1 within 25' of intersection, 1 wrong side of street, 3 blocking crosswalk and 1 handicapped.

Capt. Palmieri spoke on the Emergency Medical Dispatch project and indicated that Dispatchers Bohan and Marquez were progressing in training and they are currently in an Emergency Medical Dispatch School from the 13th to 15th of this month. Upon their completion, 11 of the 12 dispatchers will be certified in EMD. The final dispatcher will be trained in December. The November 1, 2010 is still set as the target date to “go live” with EMD.

Capt. Palmieri informed Commissioners that he had spoken with Attorney Sciota and we can move forward with Power Phone because they are an existing vendor and it is a state grant. He reminded them that Power Phone was the low bidder for the EMD program as discussed at the last Commission meeting.

Capt. Palmieri indicated that there were eight drug related arrests, two from Southington and six from out of town. He discussed the monthly activity report and he indicated that he along with Lt. Slodzinski and Sgt. Baribault are working toward a new approach concerning the activity report which is referred to as hazard scoring. He was hopeful the next monthly meeting would have this program completed which would introduce another way of looking at the performance and gauging an

officer's activity.

Capt. Palmieri then spoke of the joint effort by the Patrol and Detective Division which resulted in a trial from a 2009 case wherein the individual was found guilty and sentenced to 60 years in jail.

Commissioner Communications - none

Public Communications – none

MOTION made by Commissioner Bedard to adjourn the regular meeting and go immediately into executive session, including Chief Daly, Captains Simone and Palmieri, Attorney Lou Martocchio, Officer Ronald Cash and Attorney Andrew Houlding, and excluding the press and the public, for the purpose of discussing personnel and contractual issues, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo. All in favor. Motion passed at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Palmieri
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Executive Session

October 14, 2010

Chairman Verderame called the Executive Session to order at 6:20 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Pestillo, Bedard, Della Vecchia
Chief Daly, Captains Simone and Palmieri,
Attorney Lou Martocchio.

Officer Ronald Cash and Attorney Andrew Houlding join the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Employment hearing took place

**MOTION made by Commissioner Bedard
to adjourn the executive session and go back
into regular session. Seconded by Commissioner
Pestillo. Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Palmieri
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting after Executive Session

October 14, 2010

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

Present: Commissioners Pestillo, Bedard, and Della Vecchia
Chief Daly, Captains Simone and Palmieri
Attorney Lou Martocchio, Attorney Andrew Houlding
And Officer Ronald Cash

Attorney Martocchio indicated that Officer Cash requested that he be allowed to speak before the Commissioners. Attorney Houlding indicated that he would speak for Officer Cash. Attorney Houlding indicated the following:

Officer Cash would resign from his position of employment with the Town of Southington, Department of Police effective November 1, 2010. In the meantime, Officer Cash would be placed on paid, administrative leave through October 31, 2010. Officer Cash would report for recertification as an officer and that during that time he would not report for duty with the Southington Police Department. Officer Cash would not take any action as a police officer nor would he act in any way as an agent of the Town of Southington, Department of Police.

Attorney Martocchio stated that Officer Cash was in possession of property of the Department and it was agreed that Officer Cash would tender all property of the Department to Captain Simone by Monday, October 18, 2010.

Motion made by Commissioner Bedard to accept the resignation of Officer Ronald Cash in conjunction with the stipulations as cited above, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo, all in favor, motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Della Vecchia to accept with regret the retirement of Officer Bernard Mullins and to applaud his 26 years of service to the Town of Southington and the Southington Police Department, seconded by Commissioner Pestillo, all in favor, motion passed.

No other business to come before the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Palmieri
Recording Secretary

