

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**January 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Southington Police Department
69 Lazy Lane
Southington, CT 06489**

Chairman Richard Montague, PhD called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Southington Police Department, 69 Lazy Lane, Southington, CT with the following in attendance:

Commissioner James Verderame, Sr., Commissioner Steve Pestillo, and John F. Daly, Chief of Police.

Administrative staff in attendance:

William Palmieri, Administrative Captain
Edward Pocock, III, Operations Captain

Richard Montague, PhD, Chair, presiding:

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** from the previous meeting, December 2013.

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2013 meeting. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote at 6:01p.m.

3. Communications.

a. Communications from the Public

Art Cyr of 103 Berlin Ave., Southington, CT attended the meeting to state the following:

Mr. Cyr followed up on a question he had last month with respect to the parking issue on Merrill Avenue near North Main Street. Chief Daly and Captain Palmieri are waiting for the final determination from Officer Petro.

Mr. Cyr also raises a concern he has with the traffic lanes on West Street near Walmart. People tend to go straight in the incorrect lanes. He inquires as to whether those lanes will be extended down toward Lazy Lane. This is s a State street. Chief Daly confirms that they regularly have traffic units in that area and that there are no plans in the works to change the design of that area at this time but they will take a look at it.

Mr. Cyr inquires as to whether there has been a major problem on Berlin Street because he has notices officers with radar on several occasions. Captain Pocock confirms that they do run radar on Berlin Street and Pleasant Street quite often since speeding complaints continually come in. Captain Pocock confirmed that we try to spread the traffic units out there to control

this as much as possible. He is pleased to hear that they are out there doing their job exactly as they are supposed to.

b. Commissioner Communications

None.

4. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.

Chief Daly presented a letter from Town Council Chairman, Mike Riccio, communicating the appointment of Philip G. Landino to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chief Daly stated that January 18th is the Polar Plunge and anyone who would like to join or sponsor are welcome.

Chief Daly discusses an email he received from Master Sgt. Suski regarding an email from Paula Mazzo, the mother of the individual killed in the motor vehicle accident that occurred on Meriden Ave. She commended Officer Plourde for his professional conduct in the handling of the investigation.

Chief Daly discusses an email he received from Danny and Donna Zaborowski of Meriden. They commended Officer Emond and Officer Atteratto for being so congenial and professional in handling their motor vehicle accident.

Chief Daly relays an email he received from STEPS asking him to advise the Commission on a "save the date" of March 4, 2014 for the STEPS Community Forum. More details to follow in the near future.

Chief Daly presents correspondence from the STEPS Youth Committee. For the past two year STEPS has had a tradition of choosing one of the twelve sectors of the Town to plant a tree to thank the sector for everything they do. This year STEPS Youth Committee has chosen the Law Enforcement sector because of all the hard work the police officers have done this past summer. The tree will be planted outside of the Police Department on Lazy Lane. The Board of Police Commissioners approved this.

5. Department Awards by Captain Pocock

Captain Pocock presents a letter submitted based on the approval by the Awards Committee commending the fabulous work done by the officers of the Department. Also, a civilian award will be presented to Nicole Musciant who was involved in a pit bull attack. She took initiative to get involved in an extremely dangerous situation. This would be the first award to a civilian for bravery.

Commissioner Pestillo made a motion to approve the awards as submitted by Captain Pocock. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner Pestillo made a motion to approve the bills from December 2013 as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

8. New Business

None.

9. Old Business

None

10. All other business deemed proper and appropriate to be brought before the Board at this time.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Pestillo excluding the public and press for the purposes of personnel and contractual issues. Included in executive session were Captain Palmieri, and Captain Pocock, III. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.

Whereupon, The Commission went into executive session at 6:12 p.m.

Executive Session

The Southington Board of Police Commissioners entered executive session immediately following their regular meeting with the following in attendance in order to discuss personnel and contractual issues:

Chairman Richard Montague, PhD, Commissioner James Verderame, Sr., Commissioner Steve Pestillo, Captain William Palmieri, Captain Edward Pocock, III and John F. Daly, Chief of Police.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to return to public session. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Executive session was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Regular session

a) Discussion:

Art Cyr wanted to let the Police Department, Fire Department and school system know that they all did an excellent job regarding the gas leak at JFK Middle School. Everyone worked together seamlessly.

b) Action on Budgets for Fiscal year 2014-2015

Chief Daly and Captain Palmieri presented the budget proposal for Fiscal Year 14/15. A discussion regarding the budget proposal occurred. The following motions were made:

i) Police Department

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to accept the Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$7,522,717.00. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

ii) Central Dispatch

Commissioner Pestillo made a motion to accept the Central Dispatch budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$760,218.00. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

iii) Animal Control

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to accept the Animal Control budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of 213,739.00. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

iv) Safety Budget

Commissioner Pestillo made a motion to accept the Safety budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$66,720.00. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

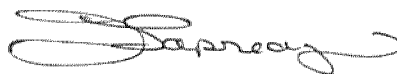
v) Emergency Management

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to accept the Emergency Management budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$24,000.00. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to adjourn the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary