

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 12, 2015 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 Nicholas DePaola, Commissioner Steve Pestillo, and John F. Daly, Chief of Police.

Administrative staff in attendance:

William Palmieri, Administrative Captain

Richard Montague, PhD, Chair, presides:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from the previous regular meeting, January 2015.

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2015 meeting. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. **Communications.**

a. **Communications from the Public**

Art Cyr of 103 Berlin Ave., Southington, CT discussed how he attended all of the Town budget workshops and that the Police Department, by far, gave the best presentation. He credits the Chief, his department, the Captains and the Board of Police Commissioners. He voiced concern about the Town Manager's cut to the communication system for both Police and Fire Departments. CYR felt the requested system would have eventually included Parks and Highway Departments. He thinks it's unfortunate. He hopes the upgrade is approved next year.

- b. **Commissioner Communications** Commissioner DePaola commented that, in view of what's been happening in Police Departments across the Nation, it is nice to hear really good things about our Police Department. They had a situation in which Officer Mahon and his K-9, Arno, were involved in a 2 hours search to track down a suspect involved in the Target incident. Officers Boislard and Kizilski were also involved. They tracked down the suspects thanks to a combination of the officers and the K-9.

4. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.

Chief Daly stated the budget process is a team effort. Chief Daly stated he and Captain Palmieri work on the initial and the Board of Police Commissioners have a very active role in the budget process. Chief Daly felt this team approach allows for the creation of a good working budget for the Police Department.

Chief Daly relayed that they received a State grant (\$4,000) for distracted driving, April 1st to April 30th. They received a State grant (\$4,000) for DUI checkpoints, March 20th and May 1st. They received a Federal JAG grant (\$26,000). They had requested 18 body cameras in their budget, which were cut. They will use the JAG grant to get the 18 body cameras. The JAG grant will also cover getting the NARCAN program up and running. NARCAN is used for a person suffering from a drug overdose on an opiate. The grant will also be used for new computer forensic equipment and wireless surveillance units for the Detective Bureau.

The two academy recruits are still at Meriden Police Academy and doing very well. They are expected to graduate June 16th and will enter the FTO Program on or about June 18th.

Chief Daly relayed that, in regard to the Target arrest Commissioner DePaola mentioned, the FBI is working on the case to try to tie outside cases to the individuals they apprehended. Torrington has already linked these individuals to incidents in their town.

The Police Department had to have snow shoveled off the roof due to several ice dams. Chief Daly presented photographs of the snow, ice, leaking and damage done to the building. They had to expend \$1,995.00 for Elite Roofing and \$4,328.10 for American Integrity. In damage to the building they had to expend another \$1,534.00. For a total of \$7,857.10. Chief Daly thanked the employees in Support Services and the Detective Bureau for helping with the snow removal in the courtyard. Chief Daly said he had spoken with Keith Hayden, Director of Public Works, about looking at a couple different options to avoid snow buildup on the roof in the future.

Chief Daly relayed that the annual CPCA Expo at the Aqua Turf will take place on Thursday, April 16th.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the bills from January 2015 and February 2015 as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Administrative Report by Captain Palmieri

a) General Order Review.

1. 600-10 Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation General Order

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation General Order as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

2. 600-16 Accident Investigation Team General Order

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Accident Investigation Team General Order as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. 600-20 Vehicle Towing General Order

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Vehicle Towing General Order as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4. 700-07 Training Function General Order

Commissioner DePaola made a motion to approve the Training Function General Order as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Captain Palmieri also gave an update on the prescription drug drop box. In October 2012 the Southington Police Department partnered with Southington STEPS for a prescription drug drop box program. Year to date they have collected 2,137 pounds of prescription drugs. It is definitely a worth-while project.

Captain Palmieri advised the Board of Police Commissioners as to what items were cut from the 2015-2016 budget by the Town Manager:

- Overtime Budget Line cut from \$575,000.00 to \$540,000.00.
- Tuition Reimbursement Budget Line cut from \$18,000.00 to \$12,000.00.
- Gasoline Budget Line cut from \$165,000.00 to \$123,750.00.
- Public Safety Information Technology (civilian position)
- Traffic/Fleet Maintenance (civilian position)
- Professional Standards Master Sergeant (sworn position)
- Body Camera System (18 camera systems)
- Office Chair Replacement (42 chairs)

7. Parking Tag Review #11461, #11462, #006291 and #006292

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the Reports as submitted. Commissioner DePaola seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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 Chief Daly and Captain Palmieri. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.

Whereupon, The Commission went into executive session at 6:23 p.m.

8. 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 Nicholas DePaola, Commissioner Steve Pestillo, John F. Daly, Chief of Police, and Captain William Palmieri.

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.

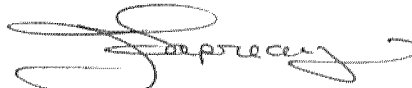
Executive session was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

10. Regular session

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary