

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 10, 2016 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 Verderame, Commissioner Pestillo, Commissioner Landino, Commissioner Kalkowski and John F. Daly, Chief of Police.

Administrative staff in attendance:
William Palmieri, Administrative Captain
Lowell DePalma, Operations 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, February 2016.

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2016 meeting. Commissioner Kalkowski seconded. Commissioner Landino and Commissioner Pestillo abstained. Motion passed.

3. Communications.

a. Communications from the Public

None

b. Commissioner Communications

None

4. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.

Chief Daly relayed that on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 they presented their budget to the Board of Finance. Their presentation was well received by everyone. The Town Manager did not remove the additional personnel requested by them, that being a Sergeant and a Master Sergeant. The Board of Finance thought they did a great job.

Chief Daly also relayed that there are numerous legislative bills that he is keeping an eye on. One specifically is Bill No. 5405: An Act Concerning Reimbursement of the Cost of Certification for a Police Officer: The main change being that an officer who leaves their police department for another police department prior to having three (3) years on the job; that municipality would have to reimburse training costs to the original town for taking the officer prior to the three (3) year period. The current law is set at two (2) years (which is going into effect July 1, 2016).

Chief Daly relays several letters from the public acknowledging excellent police work by Officer Vose, Officer Emond, Officer Lutnes, Sergeant Porter, Dispatcher Ebert and Officer Carbone.

April 21st is the CPCA quarterly meeting and expo at the Aqua Turf. The exhibit hall takes place from 10:45 to 1:00. Lunch is at 1:00 – 2:00. The Grand Prize drawing is between 2:30 and 3:30. Any Police Commissioners interested in attending should contact Chief Daly.

Officers Lair, Mahon and Sergeant Leppard are playing in a benefit hockey game called Guns and Hoses on Saturday March 19th at the XL Center.

The IACP annual conference is in San Diego this year. It is from October 15 – 18.

Commissioner Kalkowski comments on the budget process. This is the first time he has been through it as a police commissioner. He commended the process. It is a pleasure to know that the department handles it so well with no issues and that it was well received. He believes it's a compliment to the process and to the Board of Police Commissioners and Administration.

With respect to the previously mentioned Bill No. 5405, Commissioner Kalkowski inquires as to whether the department would have been reimbursed over the past five (5) years. Brief discussion regarding the same. Chief Daly advises the Town would have been reimbursed for one officer over the past five (5) years. Not a significant number.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the bills from February 2016 as submitted. Commissioner Kalkowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Administrative Report by Captain Palmieri

a) Accreditation Program Update

Captain Palmieri stated that the Tier 1 Mock Assessment was completed on Tuesday, February 23, 2016. The assessors focused their review on two areas. The first area was general orders language and content. The second area was proof that they are compiling with their general orders. Their general orders were found to be in compliance with Tier 1 standards. In the proofing areas the assessors requested additional documentation. The main areas had the required proofs; however, the support areas also need to be proofed. They are currently working on the supports proofs and will be applying for our final review at the end of April 2016.

b) **Hiring Process Update**

Captain Palmieri states that

- i) **Assistant Animal Control Officer:** Tuesday the 15th of March, The Chief, Captain Palmieri and Captain DePalma will meet with five (5) candidates for the command interview. They will bring recommendations to the Commissioners at the April meeting.
- ii) **Public Safety dispatcher:** This will close on April 4th. They will bring those recommendations to the Commissioners at the June meeting. Upcoming testing is on March 26, 2016 at Tryell Middle School, Wolcott, CT 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

c) **Public Safety Radio System Project Update**

Captain Palmieri stated that the entire new infrastructure is up and running. The microwave links have been installed and are talking to each other. The system is operating in the new microwave links. The tower dishes have been installed with the exception of the Mill Street dish. The Water Department is in the process of working on building a free standing tower to replace the radio tower that was affixed to the existing water tank on the Mill Street site. They are attempting to get a time frame of the Mill Street dish. The Goosetown Company has been great to work for so far. They provide timely updates as to the progress of the project.

d) **CAD/RMS System Update**

Captain Palmieri stated that the system connectivity is functioning properly. They are working with the vendor to solve a system lock up problem which occurs periodically with the Mobile Data Terminals (MDT).

7. Operations Report by Captain DePalma

a) **East Hartford Police Department Assist**

Captain DePalma relays that, on February 18, 2016 East Hartford Police Department arrested a 26 year old male from their town and charged him with possession of a controlled substance, sale of narcotics, possession of drugs near a school and operation of a drug factory. He was issued a \$100,000 bond. This individual was subsequently turned over to the Hartford Police Department with additional charges. This case began with the Southington Police Department's Special Investigations Unit investigating an untimely death of a Southington resident who recently died from an apparent drug overdose.

b) Senior Housing Incident

Captain DePalma relayed that, on February 25, 2016 members of the Southington Police Department's Special Investigations Unit arrested a 53 year old Southington woman and took her into custody without incident. She was charged with 3 counts of sales of controlled substances, and one count of sale of narcotics. She is currently locked up at York Correctional Center in Niantic.

c) Crescent Lake Incident

Captain DePalma stated that, on February 28, 2016 the Southington Police Department was dispatched to Crescent Lake for a report of a suspicious item found by a hiker in the woods. The hiker told police he located a suspicious black object which resembled a pipe bomb. SFD and AMR Ambulance were also dispatched to the area. Members of the SPD Special Investigations Unit and CT State Police Bomb Technicians also responded to the scene. The device was packaged by CSP and removed from the scene. The device was a crude pipe bomb which had been in the woods for approximately 1 year. The State Police Bomb Squad detonated the pipe bomb without incident

d) Special Olympics

Captain DePalma relays that the Southington Police Department will once again be participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This year's local event will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016. Their department would like to thank Officer Jeff Ward for spearheading their Department's participation with this Year's Special Olympics efforts. Officer Ward began his participation last year with much success. The Board of Police Commissioners wished Officer Ward the best in 2016.

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

Whereupon, The Commission went into Executive Session.

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, Commissioner Pestillo, Commissioner Landino, Commissioner Kalkowski, John F. Daly, Chief of Police, Captain Lowell DePalma and Captain William Palmieri.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Executive session was adjourned.

9. Regular session

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Lapreay".

Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary