

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 14, 2017 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 Kalkowski, Commissioner Wight and John F. Daly, Chief of Police.

Administrative staff in attendance:
William Palmieri, Deputy Chief

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 special meeting, August 28, 2017.

Commissioner Wight made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2017 special meeting. Commissioner Kalkowski seconded. Commissioner Verderame abstained. Motion passed on a voice vote.

3. **Communications.**

a. **Communications from the Public**

None.

b. **Commissioner Communications**

Commissioner Pestillo asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Art Cyr who passed away recently. Commissioner Pestillo said that he has agreed with Mr. Cyr and disagreed with him, but always wanted to hear what he had to say. Mr. Cyr just wanted to do what was right and best for the Town of Southington. Usually when you talk to people nowadays you can tell what party they belong to, but he still doesn't know what party Mr. Cyr belonged to. He always helped us out to make sure we didn't get to complacent. He will be missed.

4. **Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.**

Chief Daly relayed that Officer Kristen Muir has started her field training program with an expected program completion date of October 20, 2017. In addition, Officer Brett Leppard was

granted comparative certification on September 7, 2017. Officer Leppard will have to complete 37 training areas to become a certified Connecticut Police Officer.

Chief Daly relayed the following recognitions received this month:

- Chairman Montague received a letter from Donald DeVivo, President of DATTCO Transportation expressing his appreciation for the use of our Community Room.
- The Department received a letter from Patricia Ferrick, Special Agent in Charge of FBI New Haven acknowledging the excellent work done by Sergeant Timothy Wilk. The FBI conducted a Crisis Negotiation training program, and Sergeant Wik assisted in teaching the class.
- The Department received a letter from Ray Theriault outlining the excellent work done by Officer Thomas Attarrato and Officer Chad Butler. The officers assisted Mr. Theriault in a family dispute type incident.
- The Department received a letter from Chloe Pratt outlining the excellent work done by Animal Control Officer Joshua Karabin and Assistant Animal Control Officer Colin Narducci. The Officers provided exceptional care for Pratt's canine, Judah.
- The Department received a letter from Dee Hession outlining the excellent work done by Animal Control Officer Joshua Karabin. Joshua provided outstanding service to Mrs. Hession and assisted her in dealing with the passing of her canine, Jazzy.

Chief Daly stated that on Tuesday, September 19th, Sergeant Leppard will be doing an electronics awareness program for DePaolo Middle School PTO at 7:00 p.m. That will be followed up in October sometime with one for Kenney Middle School. It's for adults/parents only in order to teach parents what their kids are truly doing with their electronics.

Chief Daly relayed that on Saturday, Curtis Robinson from Southington has donated \$20 worth of gas for 100 needy people. Mr. Robinson will be giving out coupons at Palumbo's on Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike. The Chief is going to participate by assisting with traffic.

Chief Daly relayed that on Monday, September 18th; there will be a public meeting with Birchcrest residents at 6:30 p.m. here at the Police Department.

Chief Daly stated that since the last meeting, they had started discussions with Meriden Police Department. Meriden has its own unit that works on the traffic lights. Right now Southington has to subcontract them out so they are trying to regionalize with Meriden. Meriden would come over the Southington to help them out with traffic light repair. Southington would just reimburse the Town of Meriden. Meriden's Town Manager loved the idea, as did our Town because they will be showing the State that they are trying to work on regionalization.

Chief Daly stated that they received a letter today that the Connecticut Highway Safety Office is announcing that the State will match 25% of your grants for the 2018 fiscal year. They will be applying for some grants for traffic enforcement.

Chief Daly relayed that the Police Department no longer gasses up their vehicles at the Fire Department. They gas up at the Highway Department. Since there is now only one pump in town, they contacted the truck stop to open a revolving account there for the Police Department and the Town so that they have a backup pump in case the one pump in Town (at the Highway Dept.) goes down since the Fire Department pump is no longer being used. The truck stop also has a generator.

Chief Daly relayed that the Department just received a letter from a resident on Ferncliff who wants speed bumps installed to alleviate the speeding, street racing, accident and injuries. That was forwarded to their Traffic Division to investigate. They are looking into it. They have also started enforcement in the area.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the bills from August 2017 as submitted. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Brief discussion related to Department overtime. Deputy Chief Palmieri handed out a spreadsheet related to the Department's overtime figures over the last three fiscal years.

6. Operations Management Report by Deputy Chief Palmieri

a) West Street and Prospect Street Update:

They have received requests for a traffic light at the intersection. They are currently reviewing accident information, vehicle traffic data, and traffic control options. In 2012 there were 4 motor vehicle accidents at that intersection. In 2013 there were 2 motor vehicle accidents at that intersection. In 2014 there were 4 motor vehicle accidents at that intersection. In 2015 there were 5 motor vehicle accidents at that intersection. In 2016 there were 3 motor vehicle accidents at that intersection. Year to date, as of September 6, 2017, there have been 5 motor vehicle accidents at that intersection. They will provide follow ups as they move forward with their review.

b) Arrest Information Summary:

Deputy Chief Palmieri noted that there was one arrest for passing a standing school bus which was issued on Queen Street in the area of Queen Terrace. The violator was a 46-year old male residing in Bristol, CT.

There have been 4 DUI arrests and 12 drug related arrests

c) Board of Finance Submissions:

Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed a few appropriations that were submitted to the Board of Finance for their May 2017 meeting.

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

Whereupon, The Commission went into Executive Session.

7. 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 Verderame, Commissioner Pestillo, Commissioner Kalkowski, Commissioner Wight, John F. Daly, Chief of Police, and Deputy Chief William Palmieri.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Executive session was adjourned.

8. Regular Session

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary