

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 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 Sinclair 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.

There was a moment of silence in honor of the five year anniversary of the Newtown/Sandy Hook shootings.

2. **Approval of Minutes** from the regular meeting, November 9, 2017.

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2017 meeting. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote. Commissioner Sinclair abstained. There was a correction to the November minutes. The Board of Police Commissioners meeting in January 2018 is on January 11th. January 1st was incorrect.

3. **Communications.**

- a. **Communications from the Public**

Mr. Howard Levine of 27 Shweky Lane, Southington brought to the Commission's attention a traffic light timing proposal for the area of Main Street at Columbus Ave. (one way street at the Southington Green at the light in front of Geno's). People are taking a left hand turn and also making u-turns at that light which is not allowed. There is signage stated no left turn at that light. Mr. Levine suggests different timing of the red lights in that area to coincide with the walk signals going across Berlin Ave. (TD Bank to SOCA building) and also the walk signal going across Main Street (Rt. 10 in front of the SOCA Building toward the Green). Chief Daly relayed that the State of Connecticut ultimately has the final decision on that sort of issue in that area. But the Southington Police Department will look into it and gather some statistics as to how many cars are making a left turn there and do some traffic enforcement in that area also.

b. Commissioner Communications

The Board of Police Commissioners welcomes the new Commissioner, James Sinclair.

4. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.

Chief Daly relayed that the Department hosted a Crisis Intervention Training which allowed them to train five officers and one dispatcher. The training provided skills to defuse and talk with emotionally disturbed people. The long-term goal is to train all of their Patrol Officers and Dispatchers.

Chief Daly relayed that the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget is to be submitted to the Board of Police Commissioners at the January 11, 2018 meeting. The Budget is to be submitted to the Town Manager on Friday, January 12, 2018. 5% and 10% budget reductions strategy also need to be submitted. New initiatives to be submitted in a separate budget packet.

Chief Daly relayed that there was a letter received acknowledging excellent police work by Officer Moller, Officer Miller, Officer Brett Leppard and Dispatcher Wendy Roy.

Thank you cards were also received by Sergeant Brian Leppard, Lieutenant Elliot and Deputy Chief Palmieri for their assistance in being celebrity waiters for the Leading Ladies 2017 event.

Chief Daly also mentioned that the CPCA is seeking donations for the Send a Kid to Camp program through the Channel 3 Kids Camp. They need to raise \$500 per child to provide this opportunity. The public can visit channel3kidscamp.org for more information.

At the CPCA Winter Quarterly Meeting, the Southington Police Department participated in a Holiday Public Service Announcement which people will be able to see on Facebook soon.

Chief Daly discussed the Juvenile laws in Connecticut and pending changes that will be occurring in the future.

Chief Daly relayed that the White Christmas in the Community was a huge success. And gave a special thanks to Lieutenant Elliott for organizing the police for that event.

The Police Department Drug Drop Box was emptied four times in November for a total of 106.5 lbs. Year to date there have been 47 empties for a grand total of 1,374.5 lbs through November 27th.

Chief Daly relayed that the annual Camp Sloper Polar Plunge will be held January 20, 2018. This year the team captains are Sergeant Leppard, Sergeant Cifone, Officer Burke and Officer Lair. Commissioner Kalkowski and Commissioner Sinclair will also be participating in the jump.

The Capital Improvement Plan monies to update the Police Department classroom has been frozen again. The plans are on hold.

Chief Daly stated they received notification from CCM that the State will no longer be issuing permits for raffles, bazaars, and bingo games effective January 1, 2018. This will now be done by the Department's records department.

The Southington Police Department raised \$2,746.00 for the St. Francis Foundation and Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity for cancer research.

Chief Daly relayed that the Fern Cliff Drive traffic study and surveys concluded that there is no justification to put speed bumps in the road. Fern Cliff Drive will now be on the normal rotation for radar checks.

Lastly, Chief Daly relayed that Eagle Scout Mark D'Agostino will be raising funds and working on a project to build a monument near the flagpole in front of the Police Department in honor of Officer Foley, the only Southington police officer who lost his life in the line of duty.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

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

6. Operations Management Report by Deputy Chief Palmieri

a) Public Safety Dispatcher Process Update:

Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed that they have identified the final four candidates and are conducting background investigations. Their recommendation will be presented at the Board of Police Commissioners Special Meeting, Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 2:45 p.m. They are on schedule to have the new Dispatcher hired and ready for the January 10-12, 2018 Public Safety Training Class.

b) Parking Tag Review

1) Ticket #12633

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve Parking Tag #12633 as recommended by Lieutenant Elliott in his Parking Tag Report. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Commissioner Kalkowski was opposed. Motion passed.

2) Ticket #12634 and #010170

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve Parking Tags #12634 and #010170 as recommended by Lieutenant Elliott in his Parking Tag Reports. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Commissioner Kalkowski was opposed. Motion passed.

c) Board of Finance Submissions

Deputy Chief Palmieri presented the Commission with documents that were presented at the Board of Finance meeting on December 13, 2017.

d) Arrest Information Summary:

Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed that there were six alcohol related arrests in November 2017. DUI arrests increased from two in November 2016 to 5 in October 2017. Overall DUI arrests through the first five months of the fiscal year shows an increase of 8 arrests when looking at the first five months of the last fiscal year.

There were a total of seven drug related arrests in November 2017. Drug arrest in November 2017 were equal to those of November 2016. Overall drug arrests through the first five months of the current fiscal year show an increase of 4 arrests when looking at the first five months of the last fiscal year.

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

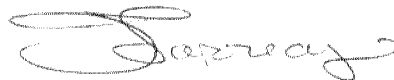
9. Hiring of Patrol Officers

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the hiring of Officer *Sean Kershaw* pending the acceptance of his comparative certifications. Officer Kershaw's start date is to be determined thereafter. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Motion passed after a roll call vote:

Chairman Montague voted Yes.
Commissioner Verderame voted Yes.
Commissioner Pestillo voted No.
Commissioner Kalkowski voted No.
Commissioner Sinclair voted Yes.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary