

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 10, 2018 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.

2. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting, April 12, 2018.

Commissioner Sinclair made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2018 meeting. Commissioner Pestillo seconded. Commissioner Verderame abstained. Motion passed on a voice vote.

3. Communications.

a. Communications from the Public

None.

b. Commissioner Communications

None.

4. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.

Chief Daly relayed that Officer Justin Simard and Officer Chad Michaud have been chosen to receive the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) DUI Enforcement Award for calendar year 2017. Both officers received this award in 2016 for their DUI enforcement efforts.

Chief Daly also relayed that Officer Justin Simard has successfully completed the Drug Recognition Expert Program. With successful completion of this course Officer Simard is now a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). There are currently only 51 Police Officers in the State of Connecticut with the DRE certification. In addition, MADD has notified them that Officer

Justin Simard will be receiving the Law Enforcement Recognition Award for his successful completion of the DRE program and his certification in this area.

Chief Daly stated that he received an electronic commendation from Theo Smigelski acknowledging a very positive interaction with Officer Fisher during a motor vehicle stop. Officer Fisher was described in the commendation as: extremely helpful, very caring/empathetic, professional, did a great job, and made an extra effort.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the bills from April 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Operations Management Report by Deputy Chief Palmieri

a. General Order Approval & Update

- General Order 700-25 Personnel Grooming (action item)

Brief discussion regarding the Personnel Grooming General Order. Commissioner Verderame would like to see a little more enforcement in this area.

Commissioner Sinclair made a motion to approve General Order 700-25 with corrections and modifications. Commissioner Verderame seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b. Imitation Cigarettes Objectionable Products List T.O. 316-2.

This agenda item was removed by Board of Police Commissioners Chairman Richard Montague, PhD.

c. Arrest Information Summary

Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed that the DUI arrests decreased from 9 in April of 2017 to 7 in April of 2018. Overall DUI arrests through the first 10 months of fiscal year 2017-2018 (56 arrests) shows an increase of 7 arrests when looking at the first 10 months of fiscal year 2016-2017 (49 arrests). Drug arrests increased from 7 in April of 2017 to 21 in April of 2018. Overall drug arrests through the first 10 months of fiscal year 2017 – 2018 shows an increase of 54 arrests when looking at the first 10 months of fiscal year 2016-2017 (79 vs. 133).

d. Board of Finance Transfer Requests Submissions

The Board of Finance transfer requests were reviewed with the Commissioners and were submitted to the Board of Finance for their May 2018 meeting. Commissioner Kalkowski stated that the Department is making good use of the available funds and of refreshing the equipment. The Department is using the funds for excellent purposes and not exploiting the funds in any way.

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

9. Patrol Officer Vacancy Position

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to hire Officer Timothy Bradle based on a negotiated start date at the 12 month step. Commissioner Sinclair seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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,



Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary