

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Southington Police Department
69 Lazy Lane
Southington, CT 06489

Chairman James Verderame called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom with the following in attendance:

Commissioner Sinclair, Commissioner Pestillo, Commissioner DellaVecchia, Commissioner Kalkowski and John F. Daly, Chief of Police.

Administrative staff in attendance:
Deputy Chief William Palmieri

James Verderame, Chair, presides:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from the regular meeting, June 11, 2020.

Commissioner Pestillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020 regular meeting. Commissioner DellaVecchia seconded. Motion passed.

3. **Communications.**
 - a. **Communications from the Public**
None
 - b. **Commissioner Communications**
None

5. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.

Chief Daly relayed the following:

- Michael Churak sent an email acknowledging excellent work and professionalism displayed by Officer Mark Dibattista.
- A card and donation was received from Robert and Nicholas Martino thanking us for everything we do.

- A letter was received from James Rio, director of Police Services in Avon CT. The letter was in regard to Sergeant Jeffrey Dobratz assisting the Avon Police Department with a promotional process. Director Rio acknowledged the professionalism of Sergeant Dobratz during the process.
- A letter was received from Mr. & Mrs. Skowes thanking the Police Officers for doing the job they do and keeping the community safe each day.
- A letter was received from John Salvatore, Chief of Monroe Police Department. The letter was in regard to Lieutenant Suski assisting the Monroe Police Department with a promotional process. Chief Salvatore acknowledged the professionalism of Lieutenant Suski during the process.
- Michael Wellington sent an email acknowledging excellent work and professionalism displayed by Sergeant Leppard and Officer Kizilski as they interacted with the Wellington's son on his Birthday.
- The Assistant Animal Control Officer's position closed on June 1, 2020 and they received 38 applications. The oral interviews took place on June 25 & 25, 2020. The next steps are the Command Interviews, Background Investigations and Police Commission Interviews.
- July 20th and 22nd they will conduct two of their three De-Escalation Training classes for their officers. The training will be conducted by Ray Hassett, a Retired Lieutenant with the New Haven Police Department.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the bills from June 2020 as submitted. Commissioner DellaVecchia seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Operations Management Report by Deputy Chief Palmieri

a) General Order 200-06 Use of Force Update

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to approve the General Order 200-06 Use of Force update as submitted by Deputy Chief Palmieri with one change to section 8.2 (a) by adding the word "not" to read "but not limited to". Commissioner Sinclair seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b) Arrest Information Summary

There were 3 alcohol related arrests in June 2020 compared to 7 in June of 2019. In addition, there were 3 drug related arrests in June 2020 compared to 12 in June of 2019.

c) General Activity Overview

Deputy Chief Palmieri provided additional calls for service charts and discussed the same with the Commissioners. They are currently experimenting with charts to send to the shift commanders and Commissioners on a regular basis. Commissioner Kalkowski suggested an addition to the charts that shows the different levels of priority on calls, for example a call that is a Priority 1 versus Priority 5. Deputy Chief Palmieri confirmed that it would not be a problem to add that to the chart(s).

d) COVID-19 Expenses Update

Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed that the current total costs for related to COVID-19 expenses from 5/6/20 through 6/23/20 is \$19,355.99. They are hoping for reimbursement by Federal funding. If that is not possible they will have to cover the costs in their budget.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Pestillo excluding the public and press for the purposes of personnel, contractual and security issues. Included in executive session were Chief Daly, Deputy Chief Palmieri. Commissioner Sinclair seconded. 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, contractual and security issues:

Chairman Verderame, Commissioner Sinclair, Commissioner Pestillo, Commissioner DellaVecchia, Commissioner Kalkowski and 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 DellaVecchia seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

9. Patrol Officer Vacancy

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to hire William Thompson as a Police Officer as of August 2, 2020 at the 12 month step. Commissioner Pestillo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodi Lapreay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jodi Lapreay
Recording Secretary