

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**September 10, 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 6:10 p.m. via Zoom with the following in attendance:

Commissioner Sinclair, Commissioner DellaVecchia, Commissioner Kalkowski (via Zoom) 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, July 9, 2020.

Commissioner Sinclair made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020 regular meeting. Commissioner DellaVecchia seconded. Motion passed.

3. **Communications.**
  - a. **Communications from the Public**

Bob Sergeant, Birchcrest Drive, Southington. Mr. Sergeant relayed concerns about a police report that had been mailed out anonymously to a member of the public and would like the Department to look into who requested a copy of that police report. He also stated that the group home has been amazing lately. He said it is a million times better. Although the last incident caused great concern and he would like to have a meeting with the Department about that last incident. He is also concerned about crime in the neighborhood such as possible home break-ins and car thefts. He said that it's not the Police Department's fault, but they just need help in that neighborhood because they cannot have things like that happening every two weeks.

- b. **Commissioner Communications**

There was a short discussion regarding the speed monitor recently installed on Meriden Avenue, data points regarding speed and whether the intent to control speeding is working or not.

## **5. Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.**

Chief Daly relayed the following:

- On Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 0846 hours there will be a brief service at the 911 memorial on Summer Street in Plantsville, CT
- On August 28, 2020, there was a Motor Vehicle Accident/Emotional Disturbed Person incident on I-84. The Department would like to recognize Sergeant Nathan Boislard, Officer Massarelli, Officer Fisher, Officer Post, Officer Brett Leppard, and Officer Walkley for demonstrating exceptional performance during a volatile and dangerous incident.
- Master Sergeant Gallo received a letter from Danielle DeRosier of the Prudence Crandall Center. Danielle acknowledged the excellent work done by Officer Giuseppe Vernali.
- Chief Daly received a letter from Amelia Rogers of Meriden, Connecticut. Amelia thanked Chief Daly for all he does each day, as well as his work during the current pandemic. Amelia also acknowledged the fine work done by all members of the Southington Police Department including their K-9s.
- Nicole and Tyler Yanosy sent an email acknowledging the excellent work done by Officers Lair and Medena.
- Chief Daly received an email from Paul Chaplinsky of Southington acknowledging the good work done by the Southington Police Department.

## **5. Bills Submitted for payment**

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

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## **6. Operations Management Report by Deputy Chief Palmieri**

### **a) Storm Isaias Summary**

Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed that Police and Fire managed 299 calls for service during a 12 hour time period. 228 calls were recorded between the hours of 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on August 4, 2020. The majority of these calls were wires and trees down, along with roadways blocked and large scale power outages within the community. 1,186 calls were received by their Communications Center during the 12 hour time period. 735 calls were received between the hours of 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm on August 4, 2020. During this time period the City of Bristol lost

it's 911 capabilities which required Southington to answer 911 calls for the City of Bristol. They would take the initial 911 call, get the information and transfer it to a Bristol Dispatcher for dispatching. All officers and support staff were placed into the storm response totaling approximately 28 officers during the height of the storm. Southington's 911 system also went down for a short time, which required them to send a dispatcher and the Bristol Dispatcher to Cheshire Police Department to answer 911 calls. This lasted about two hours until their 911 system was restored and they returned to answering both Southington and Bristol 911 calls.

Deputy Chief Palmieri stated the entire department did an outstanding job during the storm.

b) Annual Report 2019-2020

Commissioner Verderame made a motion to approve the Annual Report 2019-2020 as submitted with corrections to the word "increase" and the word "decrease" being inadvertently interchanged in two places. Commissioner Sinclair seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

c) Arrest Information Summary

Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed that in July 2020 there were 2 alcohol related arrests compared to 4 in July 2019. In July 2020 there were 3 drug related arrests compared to 13 in July 2019. In August 2020 there were 2 alcohol related arrests compared to 10 in August 2019. In August 2020 there were 5 drug related arrests compared to 7 in August 2019

Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed that Tier 1 Re-Accreditation is the week of September 28, 2020; and Tier 2 Request for Review is January 1, 2021 depending on new legislation. Also that the Information Technology Security Assessment kick off meeting with ADNET was September 8, 2020. The assessment is scheduled for the week of September 21, 2020

Deputy Chief Palmieri also mentioned that they are continuing to monitor any changes in the Police Accountability Bill and are currently looking at their policies to identify adjustments or additional policy language changes that will be needed based on the legislative action.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Sinclair 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 DellaVecchia 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 DellaVecchia, Commissioner Kalkowski (via Zoom) 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 Sinclair made a motion to return to public session. Commissioner DellaVecchia seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

## **9. Assistant Animal Control Vacancy**

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to hire Emelia Agresti as an Assistant Animal Control Officer as of Sunday, September 27, 2020. Commissioner DellVecchia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Lapreay  
Recording Secretary