

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**October 8, 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 DellaVecchia, Commissioner Pestillo, 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, September 10, 2020.

Commissioner DellaVecchia made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 regular meeting. Commissioner Kalkowski seconded. Commissioner Pestillo abstained. 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:

- Officers Kizilski and Simard recently completed motorcycle operator's school and are now certified to operate as a motorcycle officer. The training was completed by the Philadelphia Highway Patrol. We will be working on redeploying our motorcycle patrol for the coming season.
- Officers Lamarre, Fisher and Post completed their Emergency Response Team basic training for the regional emergency response team.

- CT POST completed their reaccreditation Tier 1 Assessment on September 28, 2020. They will be submitting their report to the POST Council for review on the department's reaccreditation.
- Regarding the Frost Street Incident, Chief Daly relayed that on September 30, 2020 at approximately 12:15 p.m. Officers responded to Frost Street, suspect's father's home, for a reported burglary. Arriving officers observed the suspect, Connor Trzcinski, walking west on Frost Street and attempted to take him into custody. Trzcinski refused to follow the officer's commands and produced a knife, threatening officers. The officers followed Trzcinski, trying to gain compliance, onto Mt. Vernon Road, walking with him for a total of 1.2 miles. After several unsuccessful attempts to gain compliance and take Trzcinski into custody, in the area of 811 Mt. Vernon Road, their officer deployed a single bean bag shotgun round into Trzcinski's back Trzcinski threw his knife, permitting officers to take him into custody without incident. No injuries were reported. Trzcinski sustained minor abrasion/bruising in the area of impact. Trzcinski was reported to have stolen \$1,300.00 cash and other items from the home before fleeing on foot. As a result of the incident, Trzcinski was charged with Burglary 2nd, Larceny 4th, Violation of a Protective Order, Interfering with an Officer, Breach of Peace, Reckless Endangerment, Negligent use of a Highway by a Pedestrian and Assault on a Public Safety Officer. Bond has been set at \$150,000. Officers worked as a team to manage this incident and used a Less Than Lethal Option (sock round) to bring Trzcinski under control so he could be taken into custody. All officers did an excellent job in handling this dangerous situation.

5. Bills Submitted for payment

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

6. Operations Management Report by Deputy Chief Palmieri

a) General Order 200-06 Use of Force

Commissioner Sinclair made a motion to approve updated General Order 200-06 Use of Force as submitted by Deputy Chief Palmieri. Commissioner DellaVecchia seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b) General Order 600-34 Worn Cameras

Commissioner Sinclair made a motion to approve updated General Order 600-34 Worn Cameras as submitted by Deputy Chief Palmieri. Commissioner Kalkowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

B) Arrest Information Summary

Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed that in September 2019 there were 6 alcohol related arrests compared to 2 in September 2020. In September 2019 there were 4 drug related arrests compared to 2 in September 2020.

Deputy Chief Palmieri also stated that overtime has increased due to the Police Accountability Bill, Employment Background Investigations and Storm Isaias. The department is in the process of completing additional De-Escalation Training. Training is upcoming for Less Than Lethal Sock Round deployment department wide. This will allow an increased number of officer certified in deploying the sock round option.

Deputy Chief Palmieri also spoke briefly about the Feasibility Study. They are speaking with clinicians at Wheeler Clinic about a partnership. They are also reaching out to bigger cities to see how they partner with clinicians and meeting with clinicians in town to see how they can plan a partnership with them also. They should have a plan to present to the Commission in November.

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

9. Dispatcher Vacancy

Commissioner Sinclair made a motion to hire Jose Peguero as a Full Time Dispatcher as of October 26, 2020 Commissioner Pestillo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to hire Tracy Zurheide as a Part Time Dispatcher as of October 13, 2020 Commissioner Sinclair seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodi Apruzzese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "A".

Jodi Apruzzese
Recording Secretary