

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**November 12, 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, October 8, 2020.

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

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

4. **Chief Jack Daly's Report to Commission.**

Chief Daly relayed the following:

- Dispatcher Jose Luna-Peguero is currently in training and doing a good job. Jose is scheduled to complete training on Saturday, November 14, 2020. Jose's bi-lingual ability was an asset during a 911 hang up. Upon call back Jose was able to assist the dispatcher in communicating with the caller and determine the 911 call was dialed in error.

- Substitute Dispatcher Tracy Zurheide is also in training and doing a good job. Tracy is scheduled to complete her training the end of November 2020.
- A \$25.00 check was received from Linda Murdock of Southington. Ms. Murdock thanked the Police Department for their work and offered her donation to assist in helping out the community.
- A \$225.00 check was received from a donor who wished to remain anonymous. The donor requested the funds go to the K9 unit to assist in purchasing equipment for that unit. The donor further thanked the Police Department for their work within the Southington Community.
- They currently have three (3) certified officers in their background process. These officers will be considered to fill their current officer vacancy.
- The Southington Police Department received a \$150.00 donation check from a person who wished to remain anonymous. The donation was requested to go towards their Crime Prevention Program.
- Assistant Animal Control Officer Emelia Agresti is currently in training and doing a good job. They are working on scheduling Emelia for her Animal Control officer's State Certification Training. This training is subject to availability and any COVID-19 restrictions.
- The roof replacement is underway at the Police Department.

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

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

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

### **a) 2021 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Dates**

Commissioner DellaVecchia made a motion to approve the 2021 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Dates as submitted by Deputy Chief Palmieri. Commissioner Sinclair seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

### **b) Arrest Information Summary**

There were 2 alcohol related arrests in October 2020 compared to 4 in October of 2019. In addition, there were 6 drug related arrests in October 2020 compared to 10 in October of 2019.

There were 332 burglaries to motor vehicles so far in 2020 compared to 14 in 2019. 98% of these are due to cars being unlocked. They will continue to send out reminders to the public via social media reminding people to lock their cars. They also increased their extra patrol checks. Deputy Chief Palmieri relayed that Southington's design makes it difficult because I-84 can be easily accessed from any location in Southington. This creates tactical problems that they are considering when doing directed patrols.

There was a brief discussion regarding feasibility and the impact of Social Workers responding to Police calls for service and considering whether the municipality that the Police Department serves would benefit from employing, contracting with or otherwise engaging social workers to assist the Police Department.

There was also a brief discussion regarding information and charts on year to date activity.

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

9. **Grievance 20-01**

Commissioner Kalkowski made a motion to deny Grievance 20-01. 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 Kalkowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jodi Apruzzese', written in a cursive style.

Jodi Apruzzese  
Recording Secretary