

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 22, 2020
Police Headquarters
8 Linsley Street
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Larry Lazaroff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Larry Lazaroff, Vice Chairman Robin Wilson, Commissioners Alden Mead, Marc Calafiore and Bob Hannon

Others present: Police Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Police Chief Kevin Glenn

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25th, 2020 meeting both Regular and Executive session. Commissioner Hannon made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Special meeting. Commissioner Mead made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

A thank you note was received from a resident thanking Chief McLoughlin and the whole department for their kindness, professionalism and assistance with a funeral escort for a family member.

Commissioner Calafiore spoke briefly about the recent tornado and publicly wanted to thank the Public Works department for their fast response to cleaning up the debris from the recent storm.

Vice Chairman Wilson echoed Commissioner Calafiore and also thanked First Selectman Michael Freda for all of his efforts as well as getting the power turned back on in a timely manner.

Chairman Lazaroff concurred with both Vice Chairman Wilson and Commissioner Calafiore.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff spoke of the many new changes happening in the Police Department.

Chief McLoughlin is retiring on September 30th, 2020. The department will welcome new Chief Kevin Glenn on October 1st, 2020. The department will also welcome new Deputy Chief Stan Lofquist on October 1st, 2020.

Chairman stated these are exciting things for the town.

Chairman Lazaroff stated that in light of school being back in session, he asks everyone to please drive with added caution and expect more foot traffic. Be alert at intersections while debris from the storm is still waiting to be cleared.

Chief's Report:

Chief McLoughlin echoed the words of Chairman Lazaroff and reminded everyone with schools being back in session to be aware of added bus traffic, foot traffic and to exercise caution and care when driving.

Chief McLoughlin spoke of a recent scam involving a drug cartel reaching out to residents asking for money and uses threats of some type of violence if they don't give a monetary contribution. Chief McLoughlin encourages anyone who falls victim to this scam or any other unsolicited phone scam to please to call the department.

Chief McLoughlin reminds residents to follow the CDC guidelines and promote social distancing and wear masks. The department received direction from the governor last week and now there will be fines associated with those not complying with the mask requirements.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

Chief McLoughlin reported that he did not receive any requests for consideration this month.

Budget:

Chief McLoughlin stated the department ended the month of August 2.5 percent under budget. He stated there may be some added expenditures during the fiscal year for providing police traffic control for the emergency operations with the UI company in regards to the recent storm clean up. Chief McLoughlin advised the Board that they may see an uptick in overtime next month but the overtime line should be fine at the end of the fiscal year.

Uniformed Services/Traffic

There were four non-fatal overdoses last month. Officers administered Narcan in one of those incidents.

Chief McLoughlin reported that shoplifting numbers have gone up. There were 25 reported shoplifting incidents this month.

Chief McLoughlin explained the uptick is probably due to Covid and many people still out of work. Most of these incidents happened in the Universal Drive area.

There were three reported vehicle thefts last month. All three vehicles were left unlocked with the keys in the cars. There were 26 vehicle burglaries last month. Each of the vehicles were left unlocked. Chief reminds everyone to lock their vehicles.

The new police dog "Cyrus" has arrived and is getting acclimated to the staff and the building. Officer Dahlstrom and Cyrus are due to start at the Academy on October 29th.

Chief McLoughlin stated there are two Crossing Guard positions open for traffic detail at the Middle and High school. Applications can be picked up in the finance department at Town Hall or online at the Town of North Haven web site. The training will be provided by the police department.

Chief McLoughlin received a request for a road closure on Stephen Court on October 31st from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. Stephen Court is a cul de sac, and each family on the street has agreed to the road closure. After a brief discussion, Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to grant the road closure. The motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Regarding Halloween recommendations, Chief Glenn stated he will speak regarding this next month as he is waiting for the Governor to advise everyone of the statewide recommendations.

Chief McLoughlin stated that Kevin Glenn will be sworn in as Chief on October 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place on the front steps of Police Headquarters.

With nothing further, Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to move to Executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. The time was 6:19 p.m.

At 6:35 p.m. the Board reconvened to Regular Session. Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to appoint the position of Captain. Commissioner Mead made the motion to promote Lt. Andrew Stavrides to the position of Captain. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to appoint the position of Lieutenant. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to appoint Sergeant Joseph Woznyk to the position of Lieutenant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hannon. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to appoint the position of Sergeant. Commissioner Hannon made the motion to promote Officer Maurice Martin to the position of Sergeant. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to appoint Retired Chief Tom McLoughlin to the position of SRO. The motion to appoint retired Chief Tom McLoughlin to the position of SRO was made by Vice Chairman Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff stated tonight is the last Board of Police Commissioners meeting for Chief McLoughlin and spoke of Chief McLoughlin's career with the North Haven Police Department and all of his accomplishments over the last 42 years. Chairman Lazaroff thanked Chief McLoughlin for his service and wished him the best in his retirement.

Echoing the sentiments of Chairman Lazaroff, Vice Chairman Wilson wished Chief McLoughlin the best in his retirement.

Commissioners Calafiore, Mead and Hannon independently extended their wishes to Chief McLoughlin.

Chief McLoughlin thanked the Board for their kind words.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mead and seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. The time was 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary