

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 23, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

Chairman David Monz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman David Monz, Vice Chairman Larry Lazaroff, Commissioners Alden Mead, Robin Wilson and Marc Calafiore. Also present Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Kevin Glenn.

Others present: Several town residents

Chairman Monz stated that before the start of the meeting, and due to the large crowd in attendance, he would ask for a show of hands for a non-binding vote, to determine how many of those present at this meeting plan to address the Board.

After a large show of hands, Chairman Monz stated the Board will move through the regular agenda quickly and then take public comment before Executive Session.

Chairman Monz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2019 meeting both regular and Executive Session. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Monz asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for March 2019. The motion to accept the reports was made by Secretary Wilson seconded by Vice Chairman Lazaroff. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

Secretary Wilson reported no correspondence was received this month.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Monz reported that he attended the quarterly meeting of the Police Retirement Board last week along with Chief McLoughlin. Chairman stated the next meeting is in mid-July and the Retirement Board will review the financial performance of the police retirement fund at that time.

Chief's Report:

Chief McLoughlin reminded everyone again to continue to lock car doors, remove keys, key fobs and valuables from unoccupied vehicles.

Budget

Chief McLoughlin reported that the budget is still within his expectations and is trending a little bit under at this time. Chief McLoughlin stated that with only two months left in this fiscal year he is confident that we will complete the fiscal year without exceeding the budgeted amount.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

Chief McLoughlin reported that he received no scholarship requests this month.

Uniform Services/ Investigative Services

Chief McLoughlin reported that there was one non-fatal overdose last month in which Narcan was dispensed. Chief reported that overall overdose numbers are down compared to previous years. Chief stated in 2016 and 2017 the number of overdoses were very high.

Chief McLoughlin stated in regards to a few night time commercial burglaries mentioned at last months meeting, two suspects have been identified from DNA collected at the burglaries. Arrest warrants are pending.

Chief McLoughlin spoke of a residential burglary from last weekend where an individual entered a home on Bailey Road and attempted to steal a pocketbook. The perpetrator was approached by the homeowner and then fled the scene. Officers set up a perimeter and deployed a K9 team. The subject was located a short time later in a nearby wooded area. The subject was charged with Burglary 1st degree. It was learned the arrestee has an extensive criminal history and was wanted in several other towns.

Chief McLoughlin stated that aside from being diligent and locking cars, residents should also lock their homes.

Traffic/Support Services

Chief McLoughlin said the investigation continues on the fatal motor vehicle accident on Ridge Road that had occurred in March. Evidence collected from the scene has been submitted to the State Lab and we are waiting for the results.

Chairman Monz asked the Chief if he had any sense as to when the forensic results from this accident will be available. Chief stated that he originally anticipated them by the end of next week, but reported that there have been some recent high profile Police related shootings elsewhere in the state and he fears that those cases will take a front seat over our investigation. Further, Chief stated that when the State Police, The Commissioner of Public Safety and the States Attorney's Office are involved in a significant investigation, our results will more than likely be pushed back.

Records/Professional Standards

Department wide CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System) training was recently provided by the State of CT at no charge. CJIS is a search engine with data bases from the DMV, Department of Corrections, and the State Judicial System. CJIS is a more efficient way for law enforcement to gather and share information.

Regarding the department's new officers;
Officer Burke has graduated from POST and is in his third week of field training.
Recruit Michael Stephens continues his training in the Milford Academy.
Recruit Santiago Mateo began his 22 weeks at POST Academy on April 5th.

Building Project Update

Chief McLoughlin reported that the building project is moving forward and the date to move back in is July 1st of this year.

Chief reported that aside from the interior work the sidewalks are being poured, some curbing has been put in place and the steel for the carport is being erected.

Public Comment

Joseph Dimartino of 10 Papa Lane

Mr. Dimartino distributed a copy of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding motor vehicle equipment, specifically discussing the requirements of baffles and exhaust systems on motorcycles. Mr. Dimartino spoke of his concerns regarding loud motorcycles and asked for more enforcement.

Helen Less of 216 Quinnipiac Avenue

Ms. Less reiterated what Mr. DiMartino said regarding loud motorcycles. She stated the noise is unbearable and asked for more enforcement.

Kerry Mattie of 6 Howe Street

Ms. Mattie asked the Board about the possibility of State funding for a traffic calming study.

Kristine Henson of 1529 Ridge Road

Ms. Henson presented the Board with petitions for speed bumps, sidewalks, stop signs and speed monitoring on Ridge Road. Ms. Henson voiced her concerns regarding the recent fatal accident on Ridge Road and asked the Board for input and solutions to calm the speeding on Ridge Road.

Shawn Mohovich of 1825 Ridge Road

Mr. Mohovich spoke about pedestrian safety on Ridge Road and suggested painting white lines in road near the shoulder to reinforce vehicular traffic to stay out of the pedestrian walking area.

Robert Tuttle of 235 Millbrook Road

Mr. Tuttle spoke of the speeding on Ridge Road and stated that he noticed the recent placement of the electronic speed sign did have a calming effect on speeding and asked if one can be placed there permanently.

Public Comment continued

Patricia Buller of 1570 Ridge Road

Mrs. Buller spoke about sidewalk clearing of snow and asked for more enforcement of the town sidewalk ordinance.

Kathryn Dye of 1472 Ridge Road

Ms. Dye provided the Board with photos of a motor vehicle accident which occurred in front of her house. She also spoke of her traffic safety concerns.

Martha Maresca of 50 Appletree Lane

Ms. Maresca spoke about the need for increased distracted driving enforcement.

With no further discussion, Chairman David Monz thanked everyone for their comments and stated he will look in to some interim measures to address the resident's traffic concerns fairly quickly. The Board will talk with the First Selectman to initiate a global town wide traffic calming study.

With nothing further, Chairman Monz asked for a motion to adjourn for the purpose of moving to Executive Session. The motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore and seconded by Vice Chairman Lazaroff. All were in favor. The time was 8:17 p.m.

At 8:31 p.m. the Board returned to regular session for the purpose of adjournment. Chairman Monz asked for a motion to adjourn, the motion was made by Vice Chairman Lazaroff and seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor. The time was 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Wilson, Secretary