

Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 28, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall  
Second Floor Conference Room

At 5:45 p.m. Chairman Monz called the meeting to order.

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.

Chairman Monz asked for a motion to move to Executive session for the purpose of interviewing Police Officer candidates. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Lazaroff, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor. The time was 5:50 p.m.

At 7:16 p.m. the Board reconvened to regular session.

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.

Chairman Monz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2019 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Vice Chairman Lazaroff 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 April 2019. The motion to accept the reports was made by Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

Chief McLoughlin received a thank you letter from Charles Sherwood of the South Central Criminal Justice Association thanking him to allow Lieutenant Chris Thorpe to serve as a panelist in recent oral board testing.

The North Haven Child Development Center sent a letter thanking Officer Cantele and his K9 partner Koda for their recent visit.

Chief McLoughlin received a letter from a long time town resident. The resident praised Chief McLoughlin and the whole department for the great job they do.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Monz spoke of Officer Valdemar Queiroga's recent retirement due to injuries sustained in an explosion on Quinpiac Avenue last May. Chairman Monz stated Queiroga was a valuable member of the department and thanked him for his years of service.

**Chief's Report:**

Chief McLoughlin on behalf of all the men and women of the Department congratulated Officer Val Queiroga on his retirement, stating that his retirement was too early due to injuries sustained while on duty. Chief McLoughlin stated Officer Queiroga was a valuable member of the SWAT team, great Police Officer and in acting as Union President for several years; was an excellent advocate for labor issues. Chief McLoughlin wished Officer Queiroga all the best.

**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 he is confident that we will complete the fiscal year without exceeding the budgeted amount.

**Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:**

Chief McLoughlin received a request from Sergeant Cliff Hill for consideration for reimbursement for two graduate degree classes. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to grant the request. Vice Chairman Lazaroff seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

**Uniform Services/ Investigative Services**

Chief McLoughlin reported there two overdoses last month involving the same person. In the first incident Narcan was administered and the person survived. During the second incident the individual expired.

Chief McLoughlin reported that residential burglaries are almost nonexistent and commercial burglary numbers are minimal.

**Traffic/Support Services**

Chief McLoughlin reported that the investigation in to the fatal motor vehicle accident from March 11 continues and he is confident to have a report from the State Lab by the end of the week.

Chief McLoughlin spoke regarding a recent conversation with resident Gary George who asked Chief McLoughlin to reach out to residents and advise them that insurance companies offer driver re-training for seniors. Chief McLoughlin thanked Mr. George and felt it was valuable to let residents know about this training which also covers new traffic laws and refreshers for current traffic laws.

Chief McLoughlin spoke to the Board of an internal request from the police department for placement of a stop sign at the Amazon access road in the Wharton Brook Industrial Park. Chief McLoughlin explained that this is not an everyday roadway but due to paving at the new Amazon entrance on Washington Avenue some traffic needs to exit through the back access road which currently has no stop sign. Chief McLoughlin stated that a temporary stop sign has been put in place for the time being. Chief McLoughlin advised the Board that no study needs to be completed, but asked the Board for safety reasons, to act on the request this evening. After a brief discussion Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to place a stop sign at the aforementioned intersection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson, there was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chief McLoughlin advised the Board that next month he will present the Board with a report from Sergeant DePascale regarding a “No Parking” signage request on Kings Highway. Chief McLoughlin explained that there is a Quinnipiac University rental home that recently held a large party causing vehicles to park on both sides of the road. In the event of an emergency, Fire apparatus cannot fit down the road.

A signage request was received from Medtronics on McDermott Road for placement of “no parking signs” at the pedestrian crosswalk near the parking garage on the North side of the street. After a brief discussion Chairman Monz asked for motion to erect the signage as requested. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Lazaroff, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

In regards to a discussion at last month’s Board of Police Commissioners meeting regarding a Ridge Road and/or town wide traffic calming study, Chief McLoughlin stated that he has reached out to three traffic engineering companies. Chief McLoughlin said it would be very expensive at this point to do a town wide calming study but proposed that after listening to residents’ concerns at the April Board of Police Commissioners meeting felt that painting white road shoulder striping and purchasing and placing four speed signs would have an effect on traffic flow and told the Board that he would like to try this for 90 days and then reassess to see the effectiveness of both the speed signs and white striping.

After a discussion regarding the speed signs and the white shoulder striping, Chairman Monz stated it would be wise to move forward with the speed sign purchase and he supports the white striping. He then asked for a motion to approve the above two items. Commissioner Mead made the motion to purchase four speed signs as well as the placement of white shoulder street striping. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Lazaroff. There was no further discussion, all were in favor.

### **Records/Professional Standards**

Regarding the new officers, Chief McLoughlin reported that Officer Burke is in his seventh week of field training. Officer Stephens will graduate from the Milford satellite Academy on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Officer Mateo is currently in his eighth week at the Academy. Chief stated that all of the above officers were in attendance for the Memorial Day parade last weekend and they were performing well.

### **Building Project Update**

Chief McLoughlin reported the new Police building construction is moving forward and as of now hopes to be repopulated in the new building by July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Department should be fully operational by the third week of July. The paving will start next Friday.

With nothing further, Chairman Monz asked for a motion to move back in to Executive Session for the purpose discussing personnel matters. The motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore and seconded by Vice Chairman Lazaroff. The time was 7:51 p.m.

At 8:10 the Board reconvened to Regular Session. Chairman Monz stated that earlier this evening in Executive Session the Board interviewed four candidates for the position of patrol officer. Chairman Monz asked for a motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Marvline Carter contingent that she successfully passes the following pre-employment examinations:

- polygraph examination
- psychological examination
- in-depth background investigation
- entry-level medical examination
- substance abuse screening examination
- Cooper Standards as administered by POSTC.

Vice Chairman Lazaroff made the motion to offer Marvline Carter a conditional offer of employment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Mead made the motion that should Marvline Carter not successfully pass the required pre-employment examinations, the Board then make a conditional offer of employment to Eric Cornelius Lawrence contingent that he successfully passes the following pre-employment examinations:

- polygraph examination
- psychological examination
- in-depth background investigation
- entry-level medical examination
- substance abuse screening examination
- Cooper Standards as administered by POSTC

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

With nothing further, Chairman Monz asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no further discussion.

All were in favor. The time was 8:14 p.m.