

Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 25, 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.

Chairman Monz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2019 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Vice Chairman Lazaroff made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Monz asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for May 2019. The motion to approve the reports was made by Commissioner Calafiore seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

Chief McLoughlin received a Thank You letter from a resident who was recently a victim of a credit card fraud praising the efforts and great job by Detective Michael Harton.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Monz spoke of the recent meritorious award given to Detective Michael Harton by the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut for his efforts while working an extra duty assignment at the cinemas and saving an infant that was not breathing.

Chairman Monz spoke of his recent visit to the new Police Department and stated it is an incredible transformation in to a state of the art facility. Chairman Monz thanked First Selectman Freda, the Finance Director and all of those who made the building become a reality.

The next order of business was the swearing in of Marvline Carter. Chairman Monz administered the police officer oath to Marvline Carter. Chairman Monz then pinned on Carters badge.

At 7:05 the Board took a brief recess to allow for photos.

At 7:21 the Board re-adjourned to regular session.

**Chief's Report**

Chief McLoughlin welcomed Marveline Carter to the Department and wished her the best in her training at the Academy.

Chief McLoughlin acknowledged and congratulated the recent North Haven High School graduates and wished them the best in their future.

Chief McLoughlin spoke of the recent theft of a stop sign from the intersection of Pool Road and Blakeslee Avenue. This missing sign was the cause of a recent motor vehicle accident. Chief McLoughlin stated that traffic sign thefts are punishable by law and stated if anyone is caught removing any type of traffic sign they will be held criminally liable.

Commissioner Calafiore asked Chief McLoughlin to have someone check on the graffiti on the utility box at the corner of Middletown Avenue and Spring Road.

**Budget:**

Chief McLoughlin said with the conclusion of the fiscal year one week away, he is confident the department will end the year one to one and a half percent under budget.

**Walter T. Berniard Scholarship:**

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

**Uniform Services/ Investigative Services**

Two overdoses were reported last month, both of which Narcan was administered and both individuals survived.

Chief McLoughlin reported that major crimes are in a downward path.

A significant commercial burglary was reported at the AT & T store on Universal Drive. Several thousand dollars' worth of product was taken.

Four vehicles were reported stolen last month. All four vehicles were unlocked and the keys were left in them. Two of the four vehicles were left running by the motorist. Chief again reminds everyone to lock your vehicles at all times and remove the keys and key fobs.

### **Traffic/Support Services**

Regarding the traffic calming on Ridge Road as voted on last month, Chief advised the Board that the milling and paving is scheduled in July from Skiff Street to Dixwell Avenue. Once complete, the white markings will be painted on the roads. The four speed signs have been delivered and will be assembled and placed on Ridge Road relatively soon.

A stop sign has been placed at the intersection of the Amazon access road and Defco Park Road as discussed at last month's meeting.

The "No Parking" signs that were approved and voted on last month are being installed this week on McDermott Road fronting the Medtronics parking garage.

On September 14 & 15 and September 21 & 22 Amtrak is scheduled to replace the rail grate crossing on Sackett Point Road. Sackett Point road is scheduled to be closed to thru traffic from Universal Drive to State Street for the 16 hour period until the work is completed. The following weekend the second rail will be replaced.

A Police car will be positioned at Universal Drive and Sackett Point Road to direct traffic through the detour.

The signal light at the intersection of Sackett Point Road and Universal Drive was recently out of service for several days. The utility box which controls the light is over 30 years old and took somewhat longer to get the necessary parts. Chief stated that the Town owns eight traffic lights as well as two at the volunteer firehouses.

### **Records/Professional Standards**

Officer Burke has completed his field training and will begin patrol on his own this Friday.

Officer Stephens will graduate from the Milford Academy on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Officer Mateo is halfway through his 22 week training at the Meriden Police Academy.

The new recruit Marvline Carter will start at the Meriden Police Academy on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Building Project Update**

The building project schedule is right on track and within budget. The owners training starts tomorrow for the command staff to meet with the different trades to learn more about the mechanical and HVAC functions and to get familiarized with the security, computers and equipment.

The move in date is scheduled for Monday, July 15. The cutover for telecommunications and radios is scheduled for July 23. Chief extended a special Thank you to Deputy Chief Kevin Glenn for arranging all of the logistics for the cutover.

Chief McLoughlin said that they should be able to return to the classroom at the new building and commence the Board of Police Commissioners meetings there starting with July's meeting. Chief said the timing might be tight, but he would let the Board know at least a week before the meeting which location the meeting will be held.

Chief McLoughlin asked the Board for their thoughts regarding the recommissioning ceremony of the new building. Chief McLoughlin suggested a formal ceremony to include retired officers as well as retired and current Board members. Chief Mcloughlin added that four of the retired officers were present back in 1965 when the building was opened and he would like for them to be a part of the ceremony.

Chief McLoughlin said that the radio and telephones at the new building will be in service on July 23, and he felt they need at least a month to get re acclimated and perhaps the ceremony can be held on a Sunday afternoon in late August.

Vice Chairman Lazaroff and Secretary Wilson both stated that they recently spoke with Selectman Freda and stated that Mr. Freda mentioned that his office would be handling the recommissioning ceremony. Chief McLoughlin said it would be easier for the Police Department to handle the preparations but he will reach out to the First Selectman's office for clarification.

Chief McLoughlin had nothing further for regular session.

Vice Chairman Lazaroff thanked the Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Glenn for the consistency of staying below budget year after year.

In closing, Chairman Monz wished everyone a safe, happy, healthy Fourth of July holiday.

Chairman Monz then asked for a motion to move to Executive session for the purpose of personnel matters. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Lazaroff, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 7:43 p.m.

At 8:10 the Board reconvened to Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment. Chairman Monz asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Lazaroff and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robin Wilson, Secretary