

Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 24, 2019  
Police Headquarters  
8 Linsley Street  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Vice Chairman Lazaroff asked that the minutes from the July 23, 2019 meeting be amended to read: regarding the solar speed signs, they “were deployed” as opposed to “will be” deployed as reflected in the minutes.

Chairman Monz asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for July and August 2019. The motion to approve the reports was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

A Thank You card was received from a resident thanking the entire Department for all they do to protect families in the community.

A Thank You card was received from a local business thanking Officer Cantele and Sergeant Woznyk for their presentation on active shooter incidents.

Chief McLoughlin received a Thank You card from a resident expressing his gratitude for allowing a family member to participate in a ride along.

**Chairman’s Report:**

Chairman Monz reported that on July 31<sup>st</sup>, he and Chief McLoughlin attended the quarterly Police Retirement Board meeting. Trinity Point, the fund management company, presented a fund performance review. Chairman Monz stated he is confident Trinity Point is appropriately managing the police pension fund.

Chairman Monz spoke of the August 25<sup>th</sup> ceremony for the recommissioning of the new police building. He thanked Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Glenn for the very nice, well received and attended ceremony.

Chairman Monz stated that the four new solar speed signs have all been deployed at appropriate spots in town.

Chairman Monz stated that Ridge Road has been milled, paved and striped. He stated the striping provides greater visibility to drivers and hopefully enhanced pedestrian safety.

Chairman Monz spoke of the recent passing of 95 year old town resident Walter Garwych. Mr. Garwych served the Town of North Haven as a First Selectman, Chairman of the Police Commission, a Police Sergeant, and he was also a Sergeant in the Marine Corps. Chairman Monz on behalf of entire commission expressed thoughts, prayers and condolences to the family and thanked Mr. Gawrych for his service to the town and the country.

Vice Chairman Lazaroff spoke of the speed sign deployed on Ridge Road and asked if a posted speed limit sign could be placed on top of the speed sign to advise motorists of the actual posted speed limit.

After a brief discussion, Chief McLoughlin said he would speak to traffic Sergeant DePascale to see if it can be done.

#### **Chief's Report:**

Chief McLoughlin also acknowledged the recent passing of Walter Gawrych. Chief McLoughlin expressed condolences to the family and thanked the Police Honor Guard and two Lieutenants for their participation in the funeral services. Chief McLoughlin said it was an honor to do it for Mr. Gawrych and his family.

#### **Budget:**

Chief McLoughlin reported the budget is with in his expectations.

Chief McLoughlin advised the Board that the personnel line on the budget summary provided to them tonight may look a little inflated due to the clerical and dispatch union contracts recently being settled.

Chief McLoughlin stated that maintenance contracts come due at the beginning of the fiscal year so they may see some line items also inflated.

Chief McLoughlin stated that the overtime line may also look inflated as well due to fronted expenses for traffic assignments for the town the milling and paving projects. Chief McLoughlin stated the funds will be reimbursed back to the line through the bond package.

#### **Uniformed Services**

Chief McLoughlin reported there were five overdoses through the summer months, one of which was fatal.

Chief McLoughlin reported there was a slight uptick in commercial burglaries through the summer months, nine were investigated, four of which were located on the west side of town.

One sex assault was reported with the suspect being a known acquaintance to the victim.

One street robbery occurred at a Motorcycle club in town.

Two vehicles were reported stolen, both of which were unlocked.

One motorcycle theft was reported and although the handlebars were locked, the perpetrator/s were able to load the motorcycle into a caravan and drive off with it.

Chief again reminded everyone to lock your vehicles at all times.

### **Traffic/Support Services**

The bid for three new police vehicles was awarded to Bob Thomas Ford of Hamden.

Chief McLoughlin stated the milling and paving is nearly completed throughout the town.

The four new solar speed signs have been deployed. Chief McLoughlin stated the older (battery charged) speed sign is also being utilized and is currently on Ridge Road near Weaver Circle.

Chief McLoughlin reported that data collected from the speed sign on Ridge Road, for a three week period beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> southbound, is consistent with earlier reports indicating that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of vehicle speed is 33 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone. Chief McLoughlin stated that the data shows the effectiveness of the speed sign indicating that 67% of vehicles slowed down or covered their brakes when approaching the sign.

Chief McLoughlin received a complaint from a resident of Skiff Street expressing his concerns over speeding on Skiff Street. Chief McLoughlin and Traffic Sergeant DePascale met with the resident. Chief stated they will increase radar enforcement travelling up the hill towards Ridge Road.

Chief McLoughlin received a request from a resident of State Street asking for "Stop Ahead" to be painted in the road at the intersection of State Street and Broadway. Chief McLoughlin explained to the Board that this resident had reached out to him back in 2017 with the same request. Chief McLoughlin explained that this intersection is a State road, therefore there is nothing the police department can do other than forward the request to the State Department of Transportation

Chairman Monz spoke of the need for a stop sign at the corner of Windsor Road East and Homewood. There is a new residential development there and the corner needs a stop sign. Vice Chairman Lazaroff made the motion to place a stop sign at the corner of Windsor Road East and Homewood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no further discussion, all were in favor.

### **Professional Standards**

Officer Michael Stephens graduated July 10<sup>th</sup> from the Milford Academy. At his graduation ceremony, Officer Stephens received the very special "Daniel Wasson" award. Chief McLoughlin explained that Officer Wasson was a K9 Police Officer for the Town of Milford who was killed in the line of duty in 1987. This award is bestowed upon one recruit each year to the individual whose performance is outstanding and of the likes of Officer Wasson.

Officer Mateo will graduate tomorrow, September 25.

Officer Carter started at the Meriden Police Academy in July and is doing well. She is in a commuter class. She will graduate sometime near the first of the year.

**Building update**

Chief McLoughlin advised the Board that although we have moved back in to the building, there are some items on a punch list that need to be completed, some of these items may take a couple of months to complete.

Chief McLoughlin said the department is currently in the process of obtaining quotes for necessary paving to the back lot and also for steel bollards to protect the aluminum decorative fencing to the east side of the building. Chief McLoughlin stated that the building project is still within budget.

**Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:**

One request for consideration was received from Sergeant Joe Woznyk for reimbursement for one graduate course. The motion to grant the request was made by Chairman Monz, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore.

There was no further discussion, all were in favor.

Vice Chairman Lazaroff asked about the departments arrangements with Ring. Chief McLoughlin explained that if a criminal act occurs and is captured on a residents ring cam, those residents that are willing to share the information with the police can do so.

With nothing further, Chairman Monz asked for a motion to move to Executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion was made by Commissioner Mead, seconded by Vice Chairman Lazaroff. All were in favor. The time was 7:30 p.m.

At 8:07p.m. 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 Commissioner Calafiore and seconded by Vice Chairman Lazaroff. All were in favor. The time was 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Robin Wilson, Secretary

Minutes by P. Claflin