

Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
January 26, 2021  
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 Marc Calafiore Alden Mead and Bob Hannon.

Others present: Police Chief Kevin Glenn and Deputy Chief Stanley Lofquist

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

Chief Glenn received a letter of thanks from a resident who was the victim of a vehicle break in. The resident praised the professionalism and kindness of Officer Brandon Opuszynski.

Chief Glenn received a letter of thanks from Allison Rivera, President of the St. Martin de Porres Academy in New Haven, expressing her gratitude to Officer Ted Stockmon as well as the Police Department Union toy drive for the generous donation of toys and gift cards to their students during the holiday season.

Commissioner Calafiore received verbal praise from a business owner who was victim to a theft. The owner thanked all the officers who responded to the scene and also Detective Lee Capozzo for his thoughtfulness and hard work.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Lazaroff spoke of the budget, the recent graduation of K9 Cyrus, Covid vaccines within the department and once again reminds residents to lock their vehicles, homes and sheds at all times.

**Chief's Report:**

Chief Glenn stated he recently viewed the Board of Finance meeting from January 20<sup>th</sup> and wants to clarify a few questions that arose regarding the Animal Control building maintenance budgeted line.

Chief Glenn stated they are not exploring the need for a new Animal Control building and explained why the building maintenance line was currently at 190%.

A severe storm in the fall caused major damage to the power lines and the repair cost was \$4100.

A few months after that storm, a lateral water pipe burst and the repair cost was \$3800.

Chief stated that the building maintenance line is only budgeted for \$5000. Further he stated some costs are not able to be predicted or controlled.

Chief concluded that these unexpected repairs are the reason why the building maintenance line is now at 190.00 %

Chairman Lazaroff asked if other Communities are using the Animal Control facility. Chief Glenn stated they recently signed an agreement with the Town of Hamden to use the facility for one year while they build a new one. This will offset some of the costs associated with the emergency repairs and necessary day to day operational costs.

Chief Glenn stated the 2021/2022 operating budget has been submitted to the finance department and the budget workshop is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be a virtual meeting. Chief Glenn asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the budget. There was no further discussion.

### **Traffic:**

Chief Glenn followed up on a discussion held at the November meeting regarding a DOT project to place centerline rumble strips on eligible road's owned and maintained by municipalities. To qualify, such roads must have a speed limit of 35 mph, and have 2000 cars a day travel on it. Bassett Road is the only road in town that qualifies. A recent update from the DOT states they are still in the preliminary stages and gathering data from other towns, therefore this will be a long-term project.

Chief Glenn spoke of signage request received from a resident of Horseshoe Hill Road due to speeding vehicles and an accident occurring in his driveway. Sergeant DePascale provided a detailed traffic report regarding the request and said location. Chief Glenn stated he agrees with Sgt. DePasquale's recommendations. Chairman Lazaroff also agreed and asked for a motion to grant the signage request.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion that:

A "Right Curve" sign be posted southbound on Cloudland Road just prior to the junction of Horseshoe Hill Road. A "Two-Direction Arrow" sign be posted on the south curb of the junction of Cloudland Road & Horseshoe Hill Road to alert southbound vehicles traveling on Cloudland Road that the roadway ends and they must turn left or right at the junction. That an application be filed with the Department of Transportation for approval of a 25mph speed limit on Horseshoe Hill Road and if approved, "25MPH" signs should be posted Westbound near Fortune Drive, Eastbound at the East Haven town line and Southbound on Cloudland Road in the area of the "Right Curve" sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hannon there was no further discussion. All were in favor.

### **Training :**

Deputy Chief Lofquist spoke regarding the completion of the recent CALEA remote assessment. He explained CALEA and how it is beneficial to the department as well as the community. Deputy Chief also gave an explanation of the standards and policies required by CALEA.

A discussion was held amongst the Board regarding CALEA. Chief Glenn spoke of the investments of time and effort by the officers, financial responsibility, increase in administrative functions, forms, reporting guidelines and accountability.

Regarding the Communications Center , Deputy Chief Lofquist praised Captain Ed Remington for his efforts in certifying all dispatchers with the new EMD dispatch. Further he stated the next faze will be the EFD which is expected to go live next Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. He gave an explanation to the Board regarding how the EMD and EFD works.

Deputy Chief Lofquist spoke of the recent graduation ceremony of K9 Cyrus that he and Chief Glenn recently attended. He stated K9 Cyrus is doing great and is now patrolling with his handler Officer Dahlstrom on the day shift.

Chief Glenn provided a rundown on crimes committed and stated in the last three to five years there has been an increase in crime, he explained that these crimes do vary from month to month. Chief Glenn then gave the Board a breakdown of December's crime statistics compared to November's crime statistics.

**Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:**

Chief Glenn received three requests for consideration this month.

Officer Alex Sinanis requests consideration for one class.

Officer Richard DePalma requests consideration for one class.

LT. Joe Woznyk requests consideration for two graduate classes.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to grant the requests. The motion to grant was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Commissioner Mead. All were in favor. Commissioner Calafiore requested to know the balance remaining in this fund.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore and seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 6:22 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to renew the two-year appointment of four Supernumerary Officers. Commissioner Hannon made the motion to renew the two-year appointment of the following Supernumeraries: Robert DePalma, Vincent Naccarato, Richard Hannon and Ted Stockmon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

With nothing further, Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. No further discussion. All were in favor. The time was 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marc Calafiore, Secretary

Minutes by M. Claflin