

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 23, 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

The first order of business was the swearing in of patrolman Steven Novak. Commissioner Alden Mead administered the police officer oath to Steven Novak. Novak's brother pinned on his badge. The Board took a brief recess to allow for photos.

Chairman Lazaroff then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hannon. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

Chief Glenn received a letter from Charles Sherwood, Director of the South Central Criminal Justice Association, thanking Chief Glenn for Captain Andrew Stavrides' participation in a recent oral board testing.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff stated he is in full support of the SRO program. Vice Chairman Wilson also commented that she is in full support of the program.

Chairman Lazaroff again reminded residents and those listening at home to please be vigilant and lock your cars, homes and sheds at all times.

Chief's Report:

Chief Glenn congratulated Steven Novak on his swearing in. Novak will start work tomorrow and will leave for the Milford Police Academy on April 15th for six months. Chief Glenn stated the Board will be conducting interviews later this evening for a potential patrolman opening in June.

Budget:

Chief Glenn reported the budget is currently 3 ½ percent under budget and stated with only seven pay periods left in the fiscal year, it is in good shape.

Chief Glenn spoke of the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget request presentation held in February and advised the Board that the Board of Finance reduced his request for four cruisers down to three. Chief stated all of his other requests remained unchanged. On April 7th there will be a virtual town meeting to present the budget.

A referendum is scheduled in May.

Traffic:

Chief Glenn stated he is still waiting to hear back from the State DOT regarding the approval of speed limit signs on Fortune Drive, Cloudland Road and Horseshoe Hill Road.

As discussed last month, the DOT horizontal striping project request has been submitted to the State and upon approval Chief will report to the Board for their review.

Chief Glenn reported the State DOT has another project which will evaluate municipally owned traffic lights. Statistics show that if the light timing is incorrect, there is added potential for accidents to occur. The town currently owns 16 traffic lights. Chief Glenn stated he will report back to the Board when the DOT concludes their study.

Chief Glenn advised the Board that the department recently submitted a reimbursement request to FEMA related to COVID sicknesses and exposures. Chief Glenn stated roughly \$25,000 dollars of the police departments operating budget overtime line was used due to COVID.

Chief Glenn stated he recently had a conference call with FEMA regarding possible overtime reimbursement for staffing and traffic control costs due to the August 4th 2020 storm. The reimbursement request is for a little over \$8000.

Chief Glenn provided the Board with some year to date crime numbers. The current numbers show crime is higher now than this time last year. Calls for service are up by 770 from this time last year.

Chief Glenn spoke of a recent stabbing at a restaurant on Middletown Avenue. The injuries were non-life-threatening. The victim is being uncooperative at this time and Chief Glenn asked if anyone was witness to this incident to please come forward or call the department. You can remain anonymous.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

Chief Glenn received two requests for consideration this month.

Officer Alex Sinanis requested consideration for one class.

Officer Richard DePalma requested consideration for one class.

The motion to grant the requests was made by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters and interviews. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Commissioner Mead. All were in favor. The time was 6:21 p.m.

At 7:35 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to give a conditional offer of employment to Michael Hopkins. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to give a conditional offer of employment to Michael Hopkins contingent that he:

- Successfully pass an in-depth background investigation
- Successfully pass a polygraph examination
- Successfully pass a psychological examination
- Successfully pass a physical examination
- Successfully pass a Cooper Test

Should Michael Hopkins fail meet these requirements then a conditional offer of employment will be given to Richard Naccarato. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hannon. 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 Vice Chairman Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. The time was 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary