

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 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

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holovach, family members of the late Police Chief Walter T. Berniere, made a monetary donation to the Walter T. Berniere Scholarship fund in memory of both Walter and his wife Marie.

A thank you letter was received from Jane Ellis, President of the Connecticut Cancer Foundation. Ms. Ellis thanked Officer Alan Cantele for spearheading the fundraiser as well as those in the department that participated in the “No Shave November” fundraiser. The department raised \$8100.00 for local cancer patients and their families.

Chairman’s Report:

Chairman Lazaroff thanked Chief Glenn and Deputy Chief Lofquist for their 2021/2022 budget presentation on February 17th.

Chairman Lazaroff spoke of K9 Cyrus, COVID vaccines within the department and once again reminded residents to lock their vehicles, homes and sheds at all times.

Chief’s Report:

Chief Glenn spoke of the operating budget and stated that it is currently 3% under. Chief Glenn spoke of his 2021/2022 fiscal year budget requests and further explained his reasons for the larger requests made such as additional officers, additional cruisers, and an increase in the overtime and training lines.

The new recruit is currently in the background phase investigation of the pre-employment process and if all requirements are met, he will start at the Milford Police Academy in April.

Chief Glenn advised the Board that Quinnipiac Valley Health District (QVHD) has received a CT state grant which will allow them to work in partnership with this department responding to accidental overdoses. This grant will allow QVHD to provide additional support to overdose victims and their families by following up on addiction treatment.

Deputy Chief Lofquist then advised the Board of the recently created Peer Support Team within the department. Deputy Chief explained the importance of good mental health and stated this group will allow officers a more informal approach to dealing with mental health concerns. Sergeant Marquardt and Deputy Chief Lofquist are working with members of Behavioral Health Management; the towns EAP provider, for training to provide additional resources to personnel regarding mental health issues. Chief Glenn said this is a great program and the wellness of the staff is critical.

Traffic:

Chief Glenn advised the Board that the Horseshoe Hill Road signage request which was voted on and approved at last month's meeting has been installed. The second request for a speed limit sign has been submitted to the State DOT. Upon the DOT's evaluation for said signage they learned that there is not an approved speed limit on Fortune Drive and Cloudland Road. The DOT will complete a study on this and Chief will advise the board next month of their findings.

Chief Glenn spoke of an upcoming long-term DOT project targeted for 2022/2023. This program is a Horizontal Alignment Signage project intended to place roadway striping and signage on roads that have reoccurring serious motor vehicle accidents caused by curves in the roadway. Sergeant DePascale will be conducting a study on eligible roads and submit his recommendations at a later date. This project will be of no cost to the town.

Chief Glenn spoke regarding the uptick in crime. He provided the Board an overview of calls for service compared to last year as well as a ten-year comparison of statistics. Chief also spoke about gun violence and vehicle thefts not just in North Haven, but in New Haven County and statewide.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

Chief Glenn received no requests for consideration this month. At last month's Board meeting, Commissioner Calafiore asked for the balance of this fund. Chief advised the Board that the balance is at \$13,000.

Chief Glenn reported that all employees who signed up to receive the COVID vaccine have all received their second shots.

Chief Glenn reported that K9 Cyrus is in good health and doing very well assigned to day shift patrol.

Deputy Chief Lofquist reported CALEA is proceeding, they are generating standards, reviewing polices and moving forward and will be all set for the remote review and the final four-year review later this year.

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 Vice Chairman Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Mead. All were in favor. The time was 6:19 p.m.

At 6:36 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session.

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 6:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary