

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 23, 2022
Police Headquarters
8 Linsley Street
6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Larry Lazaroff called the meeting to order.

Present: Chairman Larry Lazaroff, Vice Chairman Robin Wilson, Commissioners Marc Calafiore, Alden Mead and Robert Hannon

Others present: Chief Kevin Glenn and Deputy Chief Andrew Stavrides

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2022 Special meeting. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022 Regular meeting. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hannon. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Lazaroff spoke briefly of the recent promotional ceremony held at last months Board of Police Commissioners meeting.

Chairman Lazaroff reminds everyone with school being back in session soon to be cautious of added pedestrians and children walking to school and waiting for school buses.

Chairman Lazaroff asks residents to be diligent and to lock their cars, homes and vehicles at all times.

Correspondence:

Chief Glenn received a Thank you note from Sergio of Hamden. He thanked Chief Glenn and his assistant Peggy for the goodie bag he received while recently visiting the department and K9 Cyrus.

Chief Glenn received a thank you letter from Charles Sherwood Director of the South Central Criminal Justice Association thanking Captain Chris Thorpe for being a panelist for a recent oral board testing.

A letter was received from Heather Barletta, a business owner on Sackett Point Road who praised Officer's Rich DePalma, Chris Butler and Sgt. Tony DePascale for their exemplary conduct and professionalism with an incident she was recently involved in.

Chief's Report:

Chief Glenn spoke of the schools opening on August 31. Chief stated that crossing guards will be in place at all schools. Patrol cars will be present in all school zones for speed enforcement and safety.

Chief Glenn said there will be one School Resource Officer in each school.

Chief Glenn spoke of the recent promotions and explained the duties that each one of the newly promoted officers will be in charge of.

Chief Glenn spoke of the police recruits and stated that currently there are two recruits in the Milford Academy in week 18. Two recruits are in the Meriden Police Academy in week 12. One recruit started at the Hartford Academy yesterday, one recruit will start at the Waterbury Academy tomorrow, and two will start at the Meriden Academy on September 23.

The two recruits starting on September 23rd will be sworn in at a Special meeting with a date to be determined. Chief Glenn said that the onboarding of new personnel is great for the department as well as the community.

Chief Glenn reported that the department closed out the fiscal year 2022 at 99.3% expended.

Traffic

The signage request approved last month for a no outlet sign on Todd Drive South has been installed.

Chief Glenn reported that most signage has been installed on Valley Service Road and the town is waiting for the final approval from the DOT. The town will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony when it is ready to open.

Chief Glenn explained that two years ago he approved the placement of temporary “No Parking Signs” north bound on Elm Street for the entire length of the High School property. With Covid it created a lot more student drop offs and pickups which caused problems with the busses being able to enter and exit the school. The signs did relieve the issues however Traffic Sergeant Tony DePascale has recommended the signs become permanent. The signs will indicate there is no parking between specific hours. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Calafiore asked for a motion to approve the permanent “No Parking” signs on Elm Street Northbound for the entire length of the High School. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor

A request for a traffic light at Toelles Road and Hartford Turnpike was received from a resident. Sergeant DePascale has completed a traffic study at this intersection and reported that since 2008 there has been 55 motor vehicle accidents at this intersection, seven with injuries. The traffic speed sign data reports show that on Hartford Tpke. there are roughly 4900-5000 vehicles traveling southbound each day and 2700 vehicles daily travelling north bound, with 299 traveling west on Toelles Road. Due to the large volume of vehicles, accident history, and speeds, Sergeant DePascale has recommended that an engineering traffic study be done to determine what is needed at this intersection. After a brief discussion, Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to do an engineering traffic study at said location. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chief Glenn then updated the Board on the police fleet such as the arrival of new cruisers, the new Chevy Tahoe being delivered, the upfit of an older cruiser as a backup K9 vehicle, the recent confirmation of the availability of three new Chevy Tahoe's for the fleet.

Chief Glenn said the Regional Traffic enforcement comprised of 6 towns is ongoing and has been a great opportunity to cost effectively have a large presence of traffic enforcement for education, speed enforcement and traffic safety.

Chief spoke of two recent fatal motor vehicle accidents which are being investigated by the Regional Accident Reconstruction Team.

Chief Glenn spoke to the Board about calls for service, accidents and motor vehicle stops.

Chief Glenn asked for a motion to approve the request to extend Supernumerary Tom McLoughlin for two more years. McLoughlin is in good standing and up to date on all of his training. The position requires approval every two years by the Board. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to extend the Supernumerary position to Tom McLoughlin for two more years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship

One request for consideration was received from Officer Alex Sinanis. Commissioner Mead made the motion to grant the request, seconded by commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

This year at the North Haven Fair on Sept. 8 – 10th, Officers will have a dunk tank to raise funds for the Police Union as well as a recruitment table.

Chief Glenn thanked officer Steve Sudac for his community police tours of the department to families and children. The tours last roughly 30 minutes and have been very successful. Should anyone be interested in a tour they can email a request to Tours@northhavenpd.com

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews and discussing personnel matters. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hannon seconded by Commissioner Mead. All were in favor. The time was 6:27 p.m.

At 7:29 the Board returned to regular session. Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to give a conditional offer of employment. Commissioner Hannon made the motion to give a conditional offer of employment Turiya Hamilton contingent that she:

- successfully pass a polygraph examination.
- successfully pass a psychological examination.
- successfully pass an in-depth background investigation.
- successfully pass an entry-level medical examination.
- successfully pass a substance abuse screening examination.
- successfully pass the Cooper Standards as administered by POSTC.
- That the Town of North Haven continues to fund this police position.

Should Hamilton not successfully complete the required testing then a conditional offer of employment will be given to Stella Kahn. The motion seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. 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 Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor. The time was 7:31p.m.

Submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary

