

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2022
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 Alden Mead and Robert Hannon

Absent: Commissioner Marc Calafiore

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

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Special meeting. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Commissioner Hannon made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

Chief Glenn received a thank you letter from Charles Sherwood Director of the South Central Criminal Justice Association thanking Detective Sergeant John Gaspar for his participation in a recent oral board testing for the Naugatuck Police Department.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff stated that he attended the police budget workshop at the Board of Finance meeting last week. He thanked Chief Glenn for his presentation and thanked both Chief Glenn and Deputy Chief Lofquist for their hard work and efforts.

Chairman Lazaroff asked residents to wear reflective or bright colored clothing while out walking, exercising or bicycling, especially in the early morning and late evening hours. This will allow more visibility to motorists and help prevent unnecessary injuries or accidents.

Chairman Lazaroff again this month reminded residents to please lock their vehicles and homes at all times.

Chief's Report:

Chief Glenn reported the budget is currently 61.6% expended. Chief Glenn stated this is still under his self-imposed monthly limit even considering the uptick in overtime during the last few months of 2021 due to training and recertification as well as the unexpected impact of covid related issues within the department.

Chief Glenn spoke of the recent police department budget workshop held at town hall stating it went well. Chief Glenn stated his biggest request for the next fiscal year was the request for three additional new police officers.

Chief Glenn spoke of a \$35,000 grant the department received at the end of 2021. He explained the funds were used for crime suppression in shopping centers and areas where vehicle thefts were prevalent.

Chief Glenn said the department was recently awarded a \$25,000 JAG grant for 2022. The funds will be used for crime suppression in overtime for targeted patrol shifts. Further Chief explained that some of the grant funds will be used for overtime in working with the New Haven County Shooting Task Force. Chief Glenn explained that this Task Force is not just for crimes specific to shootings and murders, it also addresses violent crime in New Haven county such as car jackings and crimes associated with firearms. Chief Glenn stated one of our officers is assigned to the Task Force which is a great program that started last year.

Chief Glenn also stated that some of the funds from this grant will be used for Community Outreach. If COVID continues to trend downward hopefully the department will be able to have their first Citizens Police Academy in over 20 years.

Traffic:

Chief Glenn received no requests for traffic signage this month. He spoke briefly about the departments Traffic Unit which is comprised of two patrolmen and one Sergeant. One patrolman slot is assigned on a four-month basis. This rotation allows officers exposure and experience and also adds value to the division.

Officers in the Traffic Unit recently participated in a training session with the Connecticut Transit Authority relating to the new electric buses they will be rolling out throughout the state in the near future. The training addressed safety concerns relating to responding to accidents with electric buses

The two new Ford police interceptor vehicles should be arriving soon and will be sent for outfitting. The third budgeted new vehicle, a Chevy Tahoe is taking longer to arrive.

Recently sworn in police recruit, Collin Ahern is currently working fulltime at the department going over general orders, policies, and working throughout the different divisions. Ahern is scheduled to start at the Milford Police Satellite Academy in April. The department recently learned there is two seats available in this April class. Chief advised the Board that recruit level interviews will be conducted soon for a candidate to fill the second seat in the Milford Academy.

Chief spoke of the upcoming promotional testing in April for the position of Captain due to the recent retirement of Captain Ed Remington. This promotion will create a Sergeant and Lieutenant position.

Chief advised the Board that he should have a list of the test's rankings and scores for their review at the April meeting.

Chief Glenn then provided the Board a comparison of crime statistics with the conclusion of 2021 compared to the previous five years.

Chief Glenn stated that overall all crimes are up 18.4 percent. Chief Glenn explained that most of the region and the entire state is seeing the uptick in crime not just North Haven.

Chief Glenn then briefed the board of some recent incidents such as vehicle thefts, an attempted robbery at a jewelry store and an attempted ATM theft.

Chief Glenn reminded those listening of the availability of free at home covid tests for residents. These tests are available at the Library, Community Services Department, Recreation Center and the Senior Center. Proof of residency is required. No appointment is necessary.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

Chief Glenn stated he received no requests for consideration this month.

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, seconded by Commissioner Hannon. All were in favor. The time was 6:12 p.m.

At 6:17 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 Commissioner Hannon seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. The time was 6:17 p.m.