

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 25, 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 Marc Calafiore and Alden Mead

Absent: Commissioner Robert Hannon

Others present: Police Chief Kevin Glenn, Deputy Chief Stanley Lofquist, First Selectman Michael Freda

The first order of business is the election of Officers. First Selectman Freda explained to those present and the viewing public that per the Town Charter, every two years after a municipal election, he must conduct the election of Officers for all Town Boards and Commissions.

First Selectman Freda asked for a nomination for the position of Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Vice Chairman Robin Wilson made the motion to nominate Larry Lazaroff as the Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Marc Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

First Selectman Freda asked for a nomination for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Chairman Larry Lazaroff made the motion to nominate Robin Wilson as Vice Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Alden Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

First Selectman Freda asked for a nomination for the position of Secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioner Alden Mead made the motion to nominate Marc Calafiore as Secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners; the motion was seconded by Chairman Larry Lazaroff. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The next order of business was the swearing in of Police Officer Collin Ahern.

Chairman Lazaroff administered the Police Officer Oath to Collin Ahern. Ahern's father pinned on his badge. Chairman Lazaroff welcomed and congratulated Collin to the department.

At 6:06 p.m. the Board took a small break to allow for photos.

At 6:13 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

Chief Glenn received a letter of thanks from a woman whose brother was involved in a serious motorcycle accident. She thanked Officer Matt Ferrucci, Detective Lee Capozzo and Lieutenant Chris Thorpe for their compassion and help.

A letter was received from a resident thanking Officer Joe Bianchi and Officer Matt Ferrucci for their assistance and compassion during the sudden passing of a family member.

A thank you letter was received from Jane Ellis of the CT Cancer Foundation thanking Officer Alan Cantele for spearheading the No Shave November team fundraiser as well as the whole department for their participation and great fundraising of \$6335.00.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff acknowledged the recent passing of retired detective Ed Murphy. Murphy worked in the North Haven Police Department for 28 years.

Chairman Lazaroff acknowledged the recent passing of the Town of North Haven Finance Director; Ed Swinkoski. Chairman Lazaroff asked for a moment of silence in both gentlemen's honor.

Chairman Lazaroff congratulated Captain Edward Remington who retired in December after 38 years. He wished Remington success and happiness in his retirement

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 lock their vehicles and homes at all times.

Chief's Report:

Chief Glenn reported the budget is currently 54.4% expended. Chief Glenn stated this is still under his self-imposed monthly limit even considering the uptick in overtime in the last few months 2021.

Chief Glenn then spoke to the Board about the uptick in overtime due to training and recertification courses within the department as well as the unexpected impact of covid related issues within the department throughout December. Chief Glenn explained these have dramatically impacted the overtime line. Chief Glenn provided the Board a list of some of the recent department wide training.

- Use of force
- Virtra
- De-escalation
- Firearms
- Police recertification (40-hour class)
- SWAT (twice a month)

Chief Glenn explained that since the State has changed the model policy in collaboration with the new police accountability bill, there has been substantial changes to the way the department operates. Further Chief Glenn stated that many training hours came out of the overtime line to facilitate the mandated changes.

In speaking of training, Chief Glenn advised the Board that just earlier today the SWAT team was called out for an armed, barricaded subject in East Haven. Luckily the incident ended peacefully and safely. Several members of the North Haven PD are members of the SWAT team including SWAT team leader; Lieutenant Joe Woznyk.

Chief Glenn updated the Board of the ongoing investigation and progress of a homicide from July, arrests made from a carjacking in December, and an arrest made from school threats that were made on social media also in December.

Chief Glenn spoke of the recent theft of several dozen street signs and credited the departments traffic maintenance man for the cost savings by refurbishing old, recycled street signs. All of the newly replaced signs have been installed with a new bolt system to hopefully deter or eliminate future thefts.

Chief Glenn advised the Board that calls for service are up and most crime categories are also up.

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

Deputy Chief Lofquist is working with the South Central Criminal Justice Association to facilitate a police officer recruit level testing process in the next few weeks.

Deputy Chief Lofquist and Captain Stavrides are working with emergency management and the Fire Chief to coordinate a COVID home test and N95 mask distribution. The event will be announced on the town website and social media when the plan is finalized.

Chief Glenn thanked Alan Cantele; No Shave November team leader and those officers who participated in the fundraiser for their efforts in raising \$6335.00 for the CT Cancer Foundation.

Chief Glenn acknowledged Officer Steven Sudac for his efforts with the departments very successful third annual toy drive.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship

Chief Glenn received one request for consideration from Captain Andrew Stavrides for one graduate course. Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to grant the request. Motion was made by Commissioner Mead, 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 to discuss personnel matters. The motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Robin Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Alden Mead. All were in favor. The time was 6:35p.m.

At 6:48 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to appoint Retired Captain Edward Remington to the position of Supernumerary. The motion was made by Commissioner Mead, seconded by Vice Chairman Robin Wilson. 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 Alden Mead, seconded by Vice Chairman Robin Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. The time was 6:39 p.m.

Submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary