

Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 28, 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 Retired Deputy Chief Stan Lofquist

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

Chief Glenn received a letter from Board of Police Commissioners Vice Chairman Robin Wilson, sincerely thanking him and the whole department for their high level of professionalism during the funeral escort for her husband Rich.

Commissioner Calafiore acknowledged Ridge Road Elementary School SRO Vin Naccarato and congratulated him on the recent dedication in his honor of this year's Ridge Road yearbook. Commissioner Calafiore explained that "Officer Vinny" is a hard worker, a great protector to the students and stated the children and faculty at the school love him.

Commissioner Calafiore further spoke of Green Acres Elementary School SRO Ted Stockmon and stated that he has received nothing but good feedback about Ted and further stated the staff, children and parents love him.

Commissioner Calafiore then went on to speak of the SRO program and how important the program is to the community.

Chairman Lazaroff also spoke of the SRO program and how beneficial it is for the protection of the students and faculty.

Chairman Lazaroff acknowledged retired Deputy Chief of Police Stan Lofquist who was present this evening. Chairman Lazaroff stated that Lofquist retired last Friday and he personally thanked him for his many years of service.

Chairman Lazaroff spoke of the 40 plus years of service Lofquist had with the department and explained how Lofquist went all the way up through each of the ranks of service. Chairman Lazaroff wished him a healthy retirement.

Individually each Board member then personally thanked retired Deputy Chief Stan Lofquist.

Lofquist thanked the Board for all of their kind words and stated that he is present tonight because he wanted to formally thank them for their support and for the years of opportunities within the department.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Lazaroff spoke of the swearing in last month of police recruits Angel Aviles and Louis Camputaro. Chairman Lazaroff stated the retirement of Deputy Chief Stan Lofquist last week will open the doors for promotions.

Chairman Lazaroff again asks everyone to be diligent and lock their cars, homes and sheds.

Chairman Lazaroff asked residents to wear reflective or bright colored clothing while out walking, exercising or bicycling. Chairman Lazaroff also asked that with the summer weather and the presence of more pedestrian, bicycle and motorcycle traffic to drive with caution and safety.

**Chief's Report:**

Chief Glenn thanked Stan Lofquist for his service for over 40 years and thanked him for being his partner in Chief for the last two years.

Chief Glenn also acknowledged SRO Vin Naccarato and congratulated him on the Ridge Road Elementary School yearbook dedication in his honor. Chief Glenn stated the dedication is a testament to Officer Vinny's hard work. Chief stated it is so important for the SRO program to hire the right person to protect the students, faculty and community.

**Budget:**

Chief Glenn reported that with only two days left to the fiscal year the budget is currently at 97.8% . Chief was happy to report that the department will come in under budget this year even after increased overtime due to training and calls for service.

**Traffic:**

A request for a temporary road closure was received asking to close Garfield Road between Wayland and Mowry Streets on August 22, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. for the annual neighborhood block party. Chairman Lazaroff asked for motion to grant the temporary closure. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Hannon, all were in favor.

Chief Glenn advised the Board that the State DOT will be performing some upgrades to pedestrian controlled cross walks at different locations throughout the town. This is a state funded program which will increase pedestrian safety. The locations are:

State Street at Sackett Point Road

Washington Avenue at Franklin Street

Washington Avenue at 409 Washington Avenue

Maple Avenue at Sackett Point Road

Chief Glenn reported that the State DOT recently added new signage and repainted the lines at the intersection of State Street and Broadway.

A site line complaint was received for the area of 192 Mill Road. This area is close to an elevated turn at Patten Road. Traffic Sergeant Antonio DePascale will meet with the resident, investigate and bring forward his recommendations next month.

A stop sign request at Ezra Street and North Avenue was received after the occurrence of a recent accident involving a bicyclist. Traffic Sergeant Antonio DePascale has been working with Public Works trimming and has contacted the UI company as well in hopes to get additional lighting at that intersection. The intersection will be re-evaluated and an update provided to the Board next month.

Chief Glenn explained there has been some concern over increased traffic from the residents of Monroe Street due to a new plaza being built at Washington Avenue and Monroe Street. Chief Glenn along with First Selectman Freda recently met with the property owners and the construction company. They believe some simple signage changes will satisfy the residents concerns.

Chief Glenn reported the traffic light at the Barnes and Noble entrance on Universal Drive has now been repaired.

Chief Glenn then provided the Board with a breakdown of crime statistics compared to five years ago. Chief Glenn touched on some recent crimes such as day time robberies, burglaries and ATM thefts.

### **Personnel**

Chief Glenn stated that all four police recruits are doing well.

A conditional offer of employment for a police officer position was given last month. The background investigation is nearly complete. The recruit will start at the Hartford satellite academy on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Walter T. Berniere Scholarship**

Chief Glenn reported 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 Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Commissioner Hannon. All were in favor. The time was 6:26 p.m.

At 6:52 p.m. the Board returned to regular session.

Chairman Lazaroff made the motion to promote Captain Andrew Stavrides to the position of Deputy Chief. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mead. All were in favor.

Commissioner Hannon made the motion to promote Lieutenant Chris Thorpe to the position of Captain. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor.

Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to promote Sergeant Clifford Hill to the position of Lieutenant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hannon. All were in favor.

Commissioner Mead made the motion to promote Officer Nick Costanzo to the position of Sergeant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to assign retired Deputy Chief Stan Lofquist to the position of Supernumerary. The motion was seconded by Chairman Lazaroff. All were in favor.

Chief Glenn thanked the Board for the swift promotions and said he felt it is the right way to move forward. Chief Glenn stated that with a lot of new employees being onboarded this highlights the importance of supervision, mid management and command staff.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 6:54 p.m.

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Marc Calafiore, Secretary