

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 24, 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, Deputy Chief Stan Lofquist, First Selectman Michael Freda and several members of the North Haven Police Department along with their families and friends.

Chairman Lazaroff introduced himself along with the Board members to everyone in attendance this evening at the promotional Swearing in Ceremony of Captain Joseph Woznyk, Lieutenant Christopher Spose and Sergeant Michael DiCocco.

Chairman Larry Lazaroff thanked everyone in attendance and acknowledged the presence of First Selectman Michael Freda and School Superintendent Patrick Stirk.

Chairman Lazaroff then gave a brief introduction, congratulated those being promoted tonight and praised the entire police department. Chairman Lazaroff also asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of Minnie Fers, Richard Wilson, and Arnold Lazaroff.

First Selectman Michael Freda then spoke to those in attendance. Mr. Freda congratulated tonight's promotional candidates and thanked them and the entire police department for their dedication to public safety.

Chairman Lazaroff called Joseph Woznyk to the podium. Chairman Lazaroff then administered the Police Officer Oath to Captain Joseph Woznyk. Joseph's wife and children pinned on his badge.

Chairman Lazaroff called Christopher Spose to the podium. Commissioner Alden Mead administered the Police Officer Oath to Lieutenant Christopher Spose. Christopher's wife and children pinned on his badge.

Chairman Lazaroff called Michael DiCocco to the podium. Vice Chairman Robin Wilson administered the Police Officer Oath to Sergeant Michael DiCocco. Michael's wife and children pinned on his badge.

The meeting took a brief recess to allow for photographs.

At 6:35 p.m. Chairman Larry Lazaroff called the meeting back to order.

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

Correspondence:

Chief Glenn received a letter from Larry Lazaroff sincerely thanking him for the police funeral escort for his father Arnold. Mr. Lazaroff specifically thanked Sergeant DePascale and officers Ferrucci, Sinanis and Millman for their help and professionalism.

Chief Glenn received a letter of gratitude from a woman whose 90-year-old mother was the victim to a purse snatching and physical attack in the Target parking lot. She credited the department for their quick response and thanked Detectives Wilcox and Capozzo for their work in the apprehension of the suspect.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff congratulated all those promoted tonight.

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 congratulated newly promoted Captain Joe Woznyk, Lt. Chris Spose, and Sgt. Mike DiCocco.

Chief Glenn also thanked the members of the honor guard for their presence tonight at the promotional ceremony.

Chief Glenn reported the budget is currently 81.1 % expended. Chief Glenn stated this is well below his self-imposed monthly spending.

Traffic:

Chief Glenn received no new traffic requests this month.

Chief Glenn reported the blinking traffic light on Universal Drive at the Barnes and Noble entrance should be repaired very soon.

The department recently took delivery of a Chevy Tahoe which is currently being upfitted with equipment.

The new Ford police cruisers are anticipated to be delivered soon, however with the nationwide chip shortage there is still no confirmed date for delivery.

Personnel

Officers Diaz and Soda began the Milford Academy on April 21st and are doing well.

The department is scheduled to swear in two new officers on June 1st, they will begin at the Meriden Police Academy starting June 3rd.

Chief Glenn reported the department has one request in for a recruit seat in the Hartford satellite class in August, and a request for three recruit seats in Meriden for the September class.

Chief Glenn then provided the Board with a breakdown of crime statistics compared to five years ago. Calls for service currently are substantially higher than five years ago.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship

Chief Glenn received one request for consideration from Captain Andrew Stavrides for one graduate course and one request for consideration from Officer Alex Sinanis for one graduate course.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to grant the requests. Motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Commissioner Hannon. All were in favor.

Chief Glenn spoke of a Memorial Service he and Deputy Chief recently escorted and attended with Lori Laffin, the widow of Officer Tim Laffin who lost his life in the line of duty almost 42 years ago. The service is held at the Police Academy each year in the month of May to honor all Connecticut officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Chief stated it was a touching ceremony.

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 6:51p.m.

At 7:11 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 Calafiore, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 7:11 p.m.

Submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary

Minutes by P. Clafflin