

Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
February 27, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
8 Linsley Street  
Police Headquarters

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Alden Mead

Others present: Chief Kevin Glenn and Deputy Chief Andrew Stavrides

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Special meeting Regular and Executive session. Motion made by Commissioner Calafiore second by Commissioner Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting Regular and Executive session. Motion made by Commissioner Wilson second by Vice Chairman Hannon. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

### **Correspondence**

Chief Glenn received a letter from Dean Crisp, President of the LHLN (Leaders Helping Leaders Network) stating that Detective Michael Harton has been selected as a Servant Officer. He was nominated because of his acts of selfless service to others. Detective Harton received a challenge coin for his service.

Chief Glenn added that Detective Harton will soon be featured on CNN in a program called Beyond the Call of Duty for his efforts in saving a three-month-old child's life five years ago while working an outside duty detail. The segment will air sometime in the next few weeks.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Lazaroff complimented Chief Glenn and Deputy Chief Stavrides for their budget workshop presentation last week.

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

### **Chiefs Report**

Chief Glenn thanked the Board members for attending the budget workshop last week and for their consistent support.

Chief Glenn reported that the budget at the end of January is at 56.2 % expended, below his self-imposed monthly limit. Chief Glenn stated overtime is tracking a little high due to understaffing in the dispatch center.

### **Traffic**

As discussed last month, the Board made a motion in favor of Chief Glenn to draft a letter to the State DOT giving the Boards approval of the placement of two solar speed signs, one on Clintonville Road and one on Quinnipiac Avenue. Chief Glenn is waiting for a response from the State.

Traffic Sergeant Tony DePascale requested and has received a breakdown of the response times from the State DOT for each State-owned traffic light in town.

Chief Glenn explained to the Board that there are a number of State-owned traffic lights in town. The State DOT dictates how fast they come out to service each traffic light depending on the location.

After thorough review, Sgt. DePascale recommended that some of the levels of priority and response times to a few of these traffic lights should be updated to a higher priority. The State DOT has requested approval from the Board, who is the Town Traffic Authority before they will conduct the reevaluation.

Chief Glenn asked the Board for a motion to allow him to draft a letter to the DOT with their approval for the reevaluation of specific traffic lights in town.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hannon, second by Commissioner Wilson. All were in favor, there was no further discussion.

There was a brief discussion about the malfunctioning traffic light at Barnes and Noble on Universal Drive. Chief Glenn stated the repairs are scheduled for the end of this week.

### **Personnel**

The three newest recruits are currently in their seventh week of field training and are expected to be patrolling on their own in mid-April.

Officer Schwab that was sworn in last month is now patrolling on his own.

Recruit Torres is in the Police Academy and expected to graduate July 15<sup>th</sup>.

One Officer has recently retired from an injury. An interview is being conducted tonight in Executive Session for a potential replacement for him.

Chief Glenn is expecting two retirements this summer from a Sergeant position. This will create promotions as well as recruitment for two additional Officers.

Uniformed Services had another busy month in January.

Calls for service continue to be higher than last year.

Motor vehicle stops are also higher than last year.

Larcenies are still trending high and Chief Glenn stated the department is still increasing staffing during the overnight hours. Most of the additional staffing is being paid with a grant, the remainder is from the police operational budget.

The department continues to participate in the violent crimes task force in New Haven County. One officer is assigned to the task force and there have been great results.

The Investigative Services Division has also had another busy month in January. Chief Glenn briefed the Board on some of the notable arrests that have been recently made. Chief Glenn stated that although the Investigative Services Unit is down one position, they continue to do a great job.

**Walter T. Berniere Scholarship**

Chief reported no requests for consideration were received this month

With nothing further, Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing a patrolman candidate. The motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore, second by Vice Chairman Hannon. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. The time was 6:11 p.m.

At 6:38 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session.

Commissioner Marc Calafiore made the motion to give a conditional offer of employment to Timothy Castelli contingent that he:

- Successfully pass a polygraph examination.
- Successfully pass an in-depth background investigation.
- Successfully pass a medical examination.
- Successfully pass a substance abuse screening examination.
- That the Town of North Haven continues to fund this police position.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. All were in favor, there was no further discussion.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wilson, second by Vice Chairman Hannon, there was no further discussion. All were in favor. The time was 6:39 p.m.

Submitted,

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Marc Calafiore, Secretary