

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 26, 2020
5:00 PM
Town Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room
18 Church Street,
North Haven, CT.

Chairman Lazaroff called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and welcomed all Commissioners to the meeting via tele-conference.

Chairman Lazaroff stated that based on the Governor Lamont's Executive Orders due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be no public access or comment at this meeting.

Present: Chairman Larry Lazaroff, Vice Chairman Robin Wilson, Commissioners Alden Mead, Marc Calafiore and Bob Hannon

Others present: Police Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Police Chief Kevin Glenn

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the recent passing of Retired Captain Hayes Gibson of the North Haven Police Department.

Further Chairman Lazaroff thanked all first responders as well as First Selectman Freda, Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Glenn for their performance during this pandemic. The Chairman reported that no one in the department has been ill, patrol shifts were modified due to the pandemic and several safety precautions were put in place. Chairman stated Chief McLoughlin will expand on this in his report.

Chairman Lazaroff stated that May 29th marks the 40th Anniversary of the passing of Police Officer Tim Laffin. The department will hold a wreath laying event to honor this line of duty death. Due to the pandemic, this event will not be open to the public.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 Special Meeting both Regular and Executive sessions. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 Special Meeting both Regular and Executive sessions. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Correspondence

Commissioner Calafiore reported there was no correspondence received.

Chief's Report:

Chief McLoughlin echoed the sentiments made by Chairman Lazaroff regarding the recent passing of retired Captain Hayes Gibson. Chief McLoughlin explained that Captain Gibson served the Department from 1957 through his retirement in 1989. Prior to 1957, Captain Gibson served three years as a Supernumerary Officer and unbeknownst to many, after retirement Captain Gibson served on the Board of Police Commissioners for a short time. Further Chief explained that Captain Gibson always treated everyone he worked with or met with firmness, fairness and dignity.

Chief McLoughlin stated there are three items on tonight's agenda that need approval. One is the reappointment of Supernumerary Officer Mark Iannone. Chief McLoughlin explained to those listening that this position is a two year term and Iannone needs to be reappointed so he can start back at Clintonville School in the fall.

The second item on the agenda is the approval of the Boards meeting dates for the calendar year 2021.

The third item on the agenda is for the approval of placement of "no parking" signs on Valley Service Road. The properties on Valley Service road are plagued with off road vehicles trespassing, damaging properties and disturbing the river bank. Transport vehicles are being parked along the road. Chief feels if the signs are approved it will give the department some strength to be able to tow the transport vehicles and inconvenience the trespassers and hopefully deter them from coming in to town.

Regarding COVID 19 preparation, Chief stated that the patrol schedule was modified for the month of April. All officers and civilian personnel were issued masks, gloves, face shields and hand sanitizer.

Chief McLoughlin reported the budget is doing well and he is confident that at the end of this fiscal year it will be right within the budgeted allowance.

Chief McLoughlin stated members of the department re will hold an abbreviated wreath laying ceremony on May 29th in Honor of the 40th Anniversary of the line of death duty of Officer Tim Laffin.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship

Chief McLoughlin received two requests for consideration this month. One reimbursement request from Lt. Andrew Stavrides and one reimbursement request from Sgt. Joseph Woznyk. The motion to grant the requests was made by Vice Chairman Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Uniformed Services and ISD

Following the State lock down, several measures were put in place to protect first responders and changes were made to minimize Officer exposure to the general public.

The department limited responding to homes and businesses for routine calls for service, most of the routine calls were handled over the telephone.

The Chief added that custodial arrests and prisoner intake was temporarily modified and additional cleaning and disinfecting was added to the Police building and all its vehicles.

As a result of the State lockdown;

Calls for service are down 37 and 1/2 percent.

The number of reported motor vehicle accidents are down.

Shoplifting numbers have seemed to peak.

Family dispute numbers have peaked.

Professional Standards and Training:

Officer Carter has finished her field training and is now patrolling on her own. The department is now fully staffed allowing the assignment of one additional Officer to the Traffic Division. Chief McLoughlin stated as businesses slowly start to re-open, traffic enforcement will start to increase.

Chief McLoughlin advised the Board to reacquaint themselves with the proposal from Quinnipiac University as it will likely be part of the Boards June meeting.

Chief McLoughlin stated he had nothing further to report and nothing for Executive Session.

Chairman Lazaroff then asked for a motion to reappoint Supernumerary Officer Mark Iannone. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to reappoint Mark Iannone as a Supernumerary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the meeting dates provided for the calendar year 2021. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to approve the meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve placement of “no parking” signs on Valley Service Road as well as re installing any that may have been stolen or removed and to approve necessary further action such as pavement painting to indicate no parking. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

With nothing further, Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor. The time was 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Calafiore, Secretary

Minutes by P. Claflin