

MINUTES  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
July 11, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Niles, Commissioners Phil Sengle, June Hansen, Ed Tessman and Kim Simoncini

Also present: Chief DeMaio, Deputy Chief Carbone

Guests: Dwight Hahn, Karl Hahn, Carol Walter

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Awareness: Comments from the public:

- D. Hahn explained that the Beach Association would like him to publish his speed report and raw data in their newsletter. He asked whether that would be permissible with the Police Department; response was "it's ok because it is your data".
- All the emergency call boxes and poles on Shore Road have been removed
- Officers are patrolling the area and the Community Service Officer (CSO) will begin walking a beat there
- D. Hahn questioned whether supernumeraries could be worked into the schedule to patrol this area

Correspondence:

- Letter and petition with 42 signatures dated June 20, 2016 from Alan Schnur of Harborview Beach Association regarding speeding on Uncas Road was received. The residents suggested posting visible speed limit signs, install stop signs at cross road intersections (Kelsey and Uncas), install a permanent solar powered flashing speed sign and post an officer running radar on weekends.
  - The department posted an officer with radar numerous time and a report has been generated
  - The department will continue to show a presence in that area
  - Possibly the Association can purchase a radar sign (such as the Beach Association did)
  - A traffic study will be done regarding installation of a stop sign at Kelsey and Uncas intersection
  - Deputy Chief Carbone will respond to this letter detailing the actions taken by the department
  - DPW will be contacted to clear the growth around the existing stop sign
- Letter from Department Adjutant Harry Hansen of the American Legion inviting and notifying the department of the award of "Law Officer of the Year" to be given to Officer Torino on July 8, 2016. This award presentation will be published in the Harbor News.

Minutes of June 13 and June 29, 2016:

A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by K. Simoncini to approve the minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Regular Meeting of June 13, 2016 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (E. Tessman).

A motion was made by K. Simoncini, seconded by P. Sengle to approve the minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Special Meeting of June 29, 2016 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of monthly bills:

A few of the bills were discussed with the following comments:

- Provide officers' uniform allowance balances for 2015-2016 and then 2016-2017 after the Horwitz bill is finalized
- Wired Blue – is for the MYPD app 3 year contract as well as the software payment of \$850

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by P. Sengle to pay the June bills as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (K. Simoncini).

Chief's Report:

FY 2015-2016 budget:

- The Communications budget went over by 5.1% due to the need to cover an open slot in the dispatch schedule
- The CIRMA reimbursement will offset the majority of this overage; reducing the budget shortfall to \$660
- The PD salary budget line item ended over by 1% which will be covered by transfers from other salary line items (part time salary and overtime salary)
- The MACO budget did fine for the year

State of the Department:

- Morale is high
- Continue to receive positive feedback from the community
- Three officers are back to full duty; enabling the department to get the boat and bikes out more
- Dealings with CIRMA are getting better
- The department's new EAP provider Behavioral Health started July 1<sup>st</sup> and was introduced at the staff meeting
- Chaplain L. Cubberly has been riding along with officers to familiarize himself with them and the town
- L. Cubberly has joined the IAPC
- There are 54 applicants registered for the agility test to be held Tuesday, July 12th, with the oral boards scheduled for July 18th; the commission needs to schedule a date for their interview process

Patrol:

- Officer Popovich worked with GA9 on a case that was picked up by the US States Attorney and by Homeland Security, job well done
- P. Sengle set up a meeting for the Chief with the Secret Service to discuss forensic investigation training and forensic cell phone equipment; this equipment and training could ultimately be free of charge
- The Secret Service wants to develop a regional technical crime unit and when this comes to fruition, interviews will be held to choose an officer with the aptitude for this type of work
- The officers participated in community events to include but not limited to:
  - The Torch Run held June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - The American Legion – award presented to Officer Torino
  - Hosted MADD press conference at the Aqua Restaurant
- Marine Patrol in getting out on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with split shifts 11a to 3p and 3p to 11p

Social Media:

- MYPD app is ramping up and should go live by month's end with an awareness campaign held and stickers made for the car windows
- The department's Facebook page, posted July 8<sup>th</sup>, received 600 likes and the community stopped by the department with flowers and food to show support for our officers

Narcan:

- Thirty doses of Narcan have been delivered
- Kenyon Industries made a donation of \$500; this will be used to purchase pelican boxes to hold 2 doses of Narcan
- Training will take place during roll call next week and the program will roll out at month's end
- There will be public/social service awareness push
- PIC is hosting a fund raising event (PIC Family Olympics) for Narcan replacements on July 21<sup>st</sup> and the department will participate

Training:

- Department working with the Fire Department and EMS to hold an active shooter drill in the old Morgan; this has been approved by the BoE and the developer
- This drill will include room clearing, entry, triage, staging area, working together and communication
- There will be training at the new Morgan with the Fire Department and EMS to familiarize the officers with the building, determine staging areas, command post and responses; this to be held in August
- There will be cross training with the Fire Department for the marine units in case of an emergency situation

Policies:

CPD policy change 16.02 – Bond Procedure for Shoplifting Arrests at Clinton Crossings:

- SSA McShane at GA 9 has requested shoplifting arrests, resulting from larcenies at Clinton Crossings, receive a high bond to insure appearance in court
- Policy change 16.02 addresses this request, but officers can use their discretion

CPD policy change 16.03 – Procedure for Seizure of Registration Tags and Drivers Licenses:

- Seized registration tags need to be documented, accounted for and disposed of properly
- The policy provides the accountability and chain of command necessary

Grants:

- Working with the Coast Guard to obtain a leftover Coast Guard boat with a 6" draft (our boat has a 4' draft) providing better access to the harbor at low tide
- The Coast Guard provides the hull, the town would have to power it and install the electronics
- Clinton is the only Police Department between Old Saybrook and New Haven with a marine unit

Mutual Aid:

- Madison Police Department requested marine assistance from the CPD during their July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks

DARE:

- The Lions Club and American Legion will fund officers to attend DARE training
- Officers Corbin and Mangs will get their DARE certification through the state
- Superintendent O'Donnell has approved the DARE program in the schools as it is the optimal time to address the drug problem with that age group
- The program may have to be modified or a suggestion was made to look into other types of programs

Citizens Academy:

- The cost for the Citizens Academy was approximately \$375
- Possibly ask businesses to fund the Academy

Uniform Crime Rate report:

- The UCR report showed there was a 57% decrease in crime from 2015 to 2016 (first quarter reporting)

Deputy Chief's Report

Communications:

- This will be discussed in Executive Session

MACO (Animal Control)

- MACO Officer Cavanaugh has returned to work
- Assistant MACO Officer Sullivan held down the fort during Cavanaugh's absence
- There is a good working relationship between MACO Madison and MACO Westbrook

Building Maintenance:

- The building is being prepped for painting – power washed and filling holes
- The air conditioning has been repaired

Fleet:

- An assessment report has been completed
- The boat is in for repair/replacement of the rub rail.
- The money for the rub rail has been transferred to marine line item

Traffic Authority:

- Braking Aids ride scheduled for September 24, 2016 between 10 a.m. and noon to travel Route 145 and Route 1  
A motion was made by J. Hansen, seconded by K. Simoncini to approve the Braking Aids ride scheduled for September 24, 2016 from 10 a.m. to noon. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

There was a discussion regarding the cost for the officers to staff the Fireworks Fest on August 20, 2016.

New Business: None

Executive Session:

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by P. Sengle to move into Executive Session with invited guests Chief DeMaio and Deputy Chief Carbone at 8:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by K. Simoncini to move out of Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Administrative Assistant