

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
February 13, 2017

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

Absent: Commissioner Kim Simoncini

Also present: Chief DeMaio

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Awareness: Comments from the Public:

Dom Morrelli commented on and/or questioned:

- The number of supervisors the department currently has
- The salary for the new administrative position(s)
- The reorganization – a sergeant/corporal on each shift and one rotating
- The average overtime
- Though Chief DeMaio submitted a proposed budget with a 4% reduction, D. Morrelli asked where reductions can be made
- Electing Board of Police Commissioner alternates should be reconsidered

John Olsen commented:

- The Commission Awareness/Comments from the Public portion is strictly for comments, not a question and answer period
- The Board of Police Commissioner alternate request should be brought before the Charter Revision Commission

P. Sengle

- Commented the corporals, though supervisors, are primarily considered patrol

Chief DeMaio

- J. McGowan, retired New Haven police officer, WWII Navy Seabee, postal inspector, Clinton resident passed away this month

Correspondence:

- Thank you from Lt Peck, Commanding Officer, Troop F, State Police for assistance with DUI spot check
- Thank you to officers from A. Rogers
- Thank you to department from A. Walker
- Thank you to Officer Popovich for presentation made to Morgan Peer Advocates from A. Kaye
- Commendation to Officer Lombardo for his handling of a situation from M. Jervis
- Thank you to Chief DeMaio for serving as a panelist on Captain's Oral Board for Wallingford PD
- Thank you to Dispatcher Clados to presentation on "Home Alone" from A. Kaye
- Thank you to department from S. Brousseau

Minutes of January 9, 2016

A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by E. Tessman to approve the minutes of January 9, 2016 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

P Sengle addressed some key points made in the January 9, 2017 minutes as follows:

- The re-invigorated DARE program has been reinstated at Pierson and Eliot
 - The Chief has met with the faculty and received positive feedback on this new program
- Good work by our officers and Homeland Security on the arrest of a Chicago man charged with sexual assault of a Clinton minor
- Officer M. Caruso is receiving high marks at the Academy and is scheduled to graduate in March

- The vehicle replacement program was presented to and approved by the Board of Selectmen for the trial period to make the first purchases. This program will be presented to the Board of Finance at their February meeting.

Review of Line Item Accounts:

Reviewed and discussed some line items to include:

- Recruit costs have been expended
- Communications overtime should slow down as a full time and 2 part time dispatchers have been hired

Chief's Report:

FY 2017-2018 budget:

- The budget presentation was made to the Board of Selectmen
 - Additional cuts were recommended over the reductions recommendation of the First Selectman
 - The salaries line was reduced by 3% from what was requested
 - The restructure of the department was presented
 - The 27th position was not funded
 - The part time custodian salary line item was reduced (moved to the DPW salary line item)
 - Overall reduction recommended by the Board of Selectmen was \$165,144 or 5.9% from current fiscal year budget
 - Department uniforms were reduced to \$6,000
 - The K-9 program was not funded
 - The MACO and Communications budgets were approved as presented to the Board of Selectmen
 - The next presentation will be to the Board of Finance on February 21, 2017

State of the Department:

STATE of the DEPARTMENT – January 2017

OPERATIONS

1. DARE

- a. Officers Corbin and Mangs began instructing classes for the 5th grade at Pierson and the 7th grade at Eliot.
- b. Meetings with Administration of both schools week of the February 15th.

2. K-9 program

- a. Officer Frey has been selected as next K-9 handler
 - There were five candidates; however three removed their name for consideration and the remaining two were interviewed by a panel of master handlers
- b. Currently formulating policy, implementation plan, budget and training schedule.
- c. Received \$5,500 in donations. Current K-9 funds available \$9,765. Fund raising initiative to continue
 - The K-9 program is an important division in the department acting as an additional tool for officers when dispelling groups, tracking, and battling the opioid problem

3. Shoreline Technical Crimes Investigative Group

- a. By-Laws and MOU have been drafted.
 - This is a regional work group of eight shoreline police departments, sharing resources and manpower to analyze all crimes through the use of forensic equipment
 - Officer Varone is the certified mobile device examiner

- Guilford's officer is the dead box forensic expert
 - Madison's officer is the network intrusions expert
 - b. Meeting of 8 participating PDs, 3 State's Attorneys, USSS and private sector partners scheduled for February 15, 2017.
 - c. Coordinated operation of Group expected to begin in early March
- 4. Grants
 - a. Held meeting with State Coordinator of 1033 program.
 - b. Applied for grant to receive 10 patrol rifles through program.
 - c. Plan to apply for HMMWV and/or ATVs for storm response & shoreline flooding.
 - d. Applying for grant money to fund Distracted Driving Enforcement.
- 5. Personnel
 - a. Mario Caruso currently at POSTC Academy. Expected graduation in March 2017. Grades and performance to this point have been excellent.
 - b. Preparing to begin hiring process to replace position vacated by Carbone.
- 6. Budget
 - a. Made budget proposal to BOS on January 25th with an overall reduction of \$109,789 (4%) from current Fiscal Year.
 - b. On February 8th BOS made cuts to budget reducing it \$124,058.00 (4.6%) from current fiscal year.
 - c. Reorganization / staffing to remain at 27 sworn.

Support Services

- 7. Contracts & Vendors
 - a. Union labor negotiations are continuing. Next meetings scheduled for Feb. 17th.
 - b. Still working toward resolution with Motorola on service contract and vendor.
 - c. Crown castle increased tower rental fee by 3% on Ridge Road Tower.
- 8. Software and Technology
 - a. Training conducted department-wide in proper and expanded use of VCS.
 - b. Upgrade in PIN software implemented for fleet management and analytics.
 - c. Working with Nexgen to transfer existing data from current CAD/RMS system to facilitate efficient cut over to new system in July.
- 9. Fleet
 - a. We have begun using additional vendors for routine fleet maintenance in an effort to control costs.
 - b. BOS voted to support Fleet Replacement Schedule for a trial period. Still need BOF approval and referendum.

10. Communications

- a. Training of both part-time dispatchers is progressing. Should be able to assume full-duty status between mid-March to early April.
- b. Budget presented to BOS on January 25th. No Reductions. BOF on 02/21.

11. Training

- a. Recertification training of sworn officers underway.
- b. SPI Command School beginning in April.
- c. Planning Multi-Agency Response Drill with local, State and Federal responders for late Spring/early summer.

12. Community Outreach and Charities during the month:

- a. Dancing with the Stars - DeMaio
- b. Meeting with Secret Service, Guilford Chief Hutchinson and Madison Chief Drumm on staffing, operations and protocols of STCIG - DeMaio
- c. Lion's Pancake Breakfast –DeMaio
- d. Captain's Oral Board Exam for Wallingford PD - DeMaio
- e. Families Helping Families Board Meeting - DeMaio
- f. PIC Meeting - Popovich

13. Upcoming Events:

- a. Dancing with the Stars – February 24th.

Communications:

- The new 911 system will go live on February 28
- There will be no interruption in service during the cut over event which will integrate more information upon receipt of the 911 call into the CAD system.

Building Maintenance:

- J. Molina is doing a great job
- J. Molina's salary and the part time custodian's salary were moved to the DPW salary line item

Fleet:

- The vehicle lease program was presented to the Board of Selectmen and approved
- The maintenance costs are being handled more cost effectively
- Obtaining cost estimates for major repairs and maintenance issues

Traffic Authority:

Uncas Road:

- The stops signs for Uncas Road have been approved
- The speed limit on Hammock Parkway is 25 mph but posted for 20 mph, this has been brought to the attention of the State Traffic Authority

Blue Center Line:

- J. Ciarleglio suggested a blue line be painted down the center of Route 1 (between the yellow lines) to show support for our Police Department
- He will contact the State DOT for approval and raise the necessary funds to get this project done

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Executive Session: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Administrative Assistant