

MINUTES  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
April 8, 2019

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Niles, Commissioners Ed Tessman, Lynn Hidek, Rob Derry, Dom Morelli

Also Present: Chief DeMaio, Captain Flynn and Captain Jakober

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Awareness:

Comments from the Public/ Traffic Authority:

- Robert Ley spoke regarding the seasonal parking issues along the southern portion of Grove Street and Commerce Street as it affects:
  - Quality of life
  - Safety
  - Sight lines
  - Destruction to lawns
- Chief DeMaio and the Interim Planner developed a conceptual plan which deals with:
  - Traffic safety
  - Parking
  - A sidewalk to tie the commerce area to the town marina
- The conceptual plan routes traffic one way south from Riverside Drive, then one-way north to Shell Road
  - Diagonal parking along one side of both Grove and Commerce would increase parking by 26 spaces
  - The Department of Public Works can do most of the work in-house – painting, stripping, signage (possibly no parking signs) placing a fixed barrier (concrete planter) on both Grove and Commerce
  - The cost to complete this work would be approximately \$5,000
- Discussed handicap parking and the 7 parking spaces to be eliminated in front of Lobster Landing
- Discussed the triangular piece of land and possible inclusion into this plan
- A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to explore further research and send to the appropriate boards for their review. The motion carried unanimously.

Tri-State Trek Bicycle Race:

- Scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2019
- Approximately 200 bikes in this race from Boston to Greenwich
- Routed to come from Killingworth to Glenwood Road to Morgan School
- A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by R. Derry to approve the Tri-State Trek Bicycle Race scheduled for June 22, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- Good Job to the Department from Captain Flynn
- Good Job to Officer Matakaetis from Captain Flynn
- Good Job to Officer Cairns from Captain Flynn
- Thank you to Chief DeMaio from Carrie Allen
- Thank you from Lourdes Rojas
- Thank you to Officer Popovich from D. Traskos
- Thank you from L. Colebank
- Thank you to Chief DeMaio from Scout Joey O'Brien
- Thank you to Chief DeMaio from Fleming

Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 11, 2019

- A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Line Item Accounts:

- Keeping an eye on the Police Department overtime line item
- The communications overtime line item is over budget
  - Dispatcher Denison will be on his own next week
- A portion of the MACO full time line item will be transferred to the part time line item

State of the Department:

- Corporal Frey submitted a report noting the K-9 deployments and certifications
- A report detailing all of the police stats was distributed and discussed
- Dispatcher T. Denison has completed his training and will be on his own at the end of the week
- Ofcs Gorski and Massey graduated from the Academy on March 27<sup>th</sup> and are now into their second week of Field Training (a minimum of 10 weeks or 400 hours required)
- The Commissioners will interview the lateral applicant tonight
- The 2019-2020 budget public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019
- The detectives have reduced the number of open cases to 39
  - An officer needs to be rotated through the bureau to assist the detectives with their case load
- Chief DeMaio, Captain Flynn, Corporal O'Brien, Corporal DePietro and Officer Matakaetis went to a CT DEEP Annual Boating L.E. seminar on April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Boat operations training will begin at the end of the week
- The Police Department Marine Unit is responsible to watch the shellfish beds
- CIRMA is beginning a pilot program with CALEA to reduce risk exposure and identify operational and policy weaknesses.
  - CIRMA will pay the approximate \$7,500 to \$10,000 for this program
  - A professional document will be provided
- The general orders for Family Violence and Pursuit have been drafted

Captain Flynn's Report:

- Distributed and discussed the statistics
- Reported on custodial arrests and the amount of time an officer is tied up preparing the report and documenting the evidence
- The detectives are tied up transporting prisoners to court
- Domestic arrests need to go to court the next day, some officers are held over completing the report

Captain Jakober's Report:

- The work at the Dog Pound (electrical, plumbing, painting and washer/dryer installation) is progressing
- MACO Sheehan wants to hold a rabies vaccination clinic
- Working with vendors to update the audio/video system
- IT did a site assessment on the cameras throughout the building
- The emergency cell block buttons will be repaired
- The fleet continues to have issues
- Policies will be created and implemented for NCIC

- GR Wade replaced the compressor for the server room and is working on the heating element for the briefing room.
- The MBTs will be updated, just waiting for the state to announce e-tickets are going live

Old Business: No report

New Business: No report

Good of the Department:

- D. Morelli suggested the Police Commissioners receive a letter from the Police Administration identifying “which” officers, will be attending “what” class, at “what” location, on “what” dates, the cost, and “why” the Chief selected that officer and how the training will benefit the town and department. The Police Commissioners would then vote to approve the training.
  - The Police Commissioners responded negatively to this suggestion

Executive Session:

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to move into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for the purposes of discussing personnel and interviewing a candidate for a Police Officer position, inviting Chief DeMaio, Captain Flynn and Captain Jakober. The motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Session ended by 7:56 p.m.

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by R. Derry to authorize the Chief of Police to make an offer of employment to John Gregorczyk. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Administrative Assistant

## STATE of the DEPARTMENT – March 2019

### OPERATIONS

#### 1. Social Media / Outreach:

- Currently, over 3,300 followers on CPD's Facebook page.
- New Radio show on iCRV "ABP" debuted in January to address a wider range of law enforcement and safety issues. iCRV now tracks over 240,000 unique listeners during program.

#### 2. K9 Program:

- Nearly 38,000 followers on K9 Sonny's Instagram Page.

#### 3. Shoreline Technical Crimes Investigative Group / South Central Regional:

- Varone to receive Video Forensics training from FBI in April (free).

#### 4. Personnel:

- New Dispatcher, Thomas Dennison progressing well in training, expected to be on own the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Officers Gorski and Massey Graduated POSTC Academy on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Both have begun mandatory field training here in Clinton.
- Two applicants remain in process for Lateral-Entry position of Police Officer.

#### 5. Budget:

- First Selectman and BOS have recommended cuts to our 2019/2020 budget proposals. At final budget workshop, BOF placed 60K back into Police Overtime line but kept Communications Overtime at BOS recommendation.

#### 6. Investigations:

- 39 open cases under investigation (see attached).
- A large scale multi-state burglary suspect was arrested in Greenwich. Habeas was served for Clinton charges on February 27th.
- Looking to staff rotational position the as soon as staffing allows (June/July).
- Continuing to work closely with Madison PD on others on investigative work.

**7. Marine Patrol:**

- Vessel is scheduled for return to service in the second week of April.
- Training of all personnel set to be completed prior to June 1st.
- Expanding operational service to monitor Recreational Shellfish Beds.
- CT DEEP Annual Boating L.E. Seminar – April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**8. Contracts & Vendors:**

- Negotiations with Communications Union continue (status unknown).
- CIRMA has notified the us that the pilot program with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CLAEA), to reduce risk exposure and identify operational and policy weaknesses has been approved. Anticipated start date: TBD

**9. Software and Technology:**

- Combination RADAR / Message Board sign has been received. Has been deployed several different locations around town.
- E-Printers have been approved for routine use (State permissions have been granted).
- Continuing process of major policy and procedures drafting, revision, review and implementation project supported by migration to full use of the Power DMS software suite.

**10. General Order Updates, Revisions and Drafts:**

- State on-site compliance review (CLESP) was conducted on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Family Violence.
- Recruitment.
- Pursuit.

**11. Fleet:**

- Radar units to be moved to Fords with e-printers installed (Jakober).
- Unit #3 struck being repaired expected return to fleet: week of April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- K9 Team is currently utilizing both Car#1 & Car #9 as both vehicles continue to have operational issues.

**12. Communications:**

- Exploring options for possible regionalization of Communications Center.
- MPP filed by the Union has been scheduled by the State Labor Board to be combined with the Police Union's MPP for same issue.

**13. Training:**

- DeMaio completed FBI New England Regional Command College, March 25-29.
- Formulating policy on “training tracks” to match Department needs with individual talent and skills set as well as career paths.
- DePietro, Jakober & Pellegrini to FBI LEEDA training in May.

**14. Community Outreach and Charities during the month of February:**

- APB Radio Show – DeMaio.
- Clinton Crossing Merchant Meeting – DeMaio, Flynn.
- DARE Classes – Harkins, Corbin & Recchia.
- Meetings with Fireworks Committee - DeMaio, Jakober, Flynn.
- Meeting to Study traffic pattern at Commerce / Grove intersection – DeMaio.
- SCCJA Meeting – DeMaio.
- BPAC Greenway/Blueway Photo – DeMaio.
- Police Youth Group – Mangs, Torino & Corbin.
- Safety Committee Meeting – DeMaio, Jakober.
- Meeting with Citizens (4) - DeMaio
- Meeting with River Valley Services – DeMaio, Flynn.
- Sandy Hook Promise Presentation – DeMaio.
- FBINAA Executive Board Meeting – DeMaio.
- Police Youth Academy Meeting (Yale PD, Madison PD, SCSU PD, FBI) – DeMaio.
- Stuff-the-Cruiser Food Drive – Mangs, Corbin, CPD Youth Group, Dunn, Strunjo, DeMaio.

**15. Upcoming Events:**

- MADD Awards – May 7<sup>th</sup> Aqua Turf, Southington, CT.
- FBINAAA Golf Tournament – June 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinton County Club.