

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
May 14, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Niles, Commissioners Phil Sengle, Ed Tessman, Lynn Hidek and Dom Morelli

Also present: Chief DeMaio

Guests: Carrie Allen, Jack Scherban and Rob Derry

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

This is National Peace Officer Week and Chief DeMaio as for a moment of silence.

Commission Awareness:

- This meeting will be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. so commissioners can attend the Board of Finance meeting.

Traffic Authority:

Carrie Allen: crosswalk from the Old Trolley line across Grove Street to Stevens Road:

- The sidewalk is on the east side of Grove Street at that location, therefore necessitating the need for a crosswalk
- Signs will be installed for safety by the Department of Public Works
- Chief DeMaio has surveyed that area and stated signage will be required in both directions
- It was suggested signage be installed at the Grove Street/Pratt Road crosswalk
- Discussed a side trail along the perimeter of the town hall parking lot
- A traffic study/survey will be done due to the additions made to the initial request.
- A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by E. Tessman to table this item until the next Board of Police Commissioners meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Neck Road at Harbor Parkway:

- A traffic study will be done to determine the volume of traffic in that location and the number of occurrences
- A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by E. Tessman to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.

Closer to Free Ride benefitting the Smilow Cancer Center at Yale New Haven Hospital:

- This will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018
- Clinton's Route 1 will only have the bikers riding in the 100-mile loop
- A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to approve the Closer to Free Ride on September 8, 2018 benefitting the Smilow Cancer Center at Yale New Haven Hospital. The motion carried unanimously.

Boulder Lake (West Shore Road) speeding issue:

- There was a request to reduce the 25 mph to 20 mph in a small portion of the closed loop
- All association members would have to agree to this change
- Chief DeMaio will speak with the individual about this request
- A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by E. Tessman to table the request regarding the reduction to the speed limit until Chief DeMaio has met with the individual. The motion carried unanimously.

Color Run Permit:

- Scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 9 a.m.
- Course goes out the back of Peters Complex to Hurd Bridge/ Cream Pot
- Neighbors will be notified by organizers
- A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by P. Sengle to approve the Color Run permit for June 9, 2018 as detailed by Chief DeMaio. The motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Authority Old Business:

- The "No Parking" signs to be installed on Sol's Point Road are still a work in progress
 - CBYD has been contacted

Traffic Authority New Business:

- A letter was received from K. Inno regarding the need for a sign indicating “No thru trucks” on Roast Meat Hill
 - A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to authorize Chief DeMaio to respond respectively. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- Reviewed the numerous letters received

Minutes of April 9, 2018 meeting:

- A motion was made by L. Hidek, seconded by E. Tessman to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Line Item accounts:

- Chief DeMaio distributed and explained the Overtime Valuation Summary Report noting Staff Driven overtime with the 5/2 schedule vs the 4/2 schedule as well as an Overtime Valuation Summary Report noting All overtime categories with the 5/2 schedule vs the 4/2 schedule

Chief's Report:

State of the Department:

- Positive revenues the Police Department brought to the town as follows:
 - \$4,105 from the fundraiser at Saldamarco's for the R.A.D. program
 - \$3,291 from tee shirts sold for the K9 account
 - \$22,749 from the sale of the old PD boat and a Cedar Island Marina credit we had
- Purchase of the replacement PD boat was approved at the May 8th town meeting
 - The bottom is being painted and the collar is being painted blue
 - The Clinton PD has two licensed operators
 - Madison PD will provide crew members
 - There will be strict guidelines and requirements for all operators and crew members
- Fleet:
 - The Dodges continue to cost the department for repairs
 - The department is projected to order 2 admin and 1 patrol vehicle next year
- Contracts:
 - The union has ratified the TA with the Town
- Training:
 - Commissioners congratulated Sgt Jakober for being selected for the FBI National Academy Session 274, October, 2018
- Communications:
 - Madison Chief Drumm and Clinton Chief DeMaio met with DSET to explore regionalizing the two dispatch centers
 - This is an opportunity to move forward, stabilize the workforce, provide the best service to the towns
- Budget:
 - Met with First Selectman C. Goupil after the failure of the referendum and offered to:
 - Reduce the dispatch center by two (2) part time dispatchers
 - Reduce the Police overtime line item by \$25,000
 - Eliminate the request for a second part time Municipal Control Officer

Old Business:

Department Restructure:

- No internal announcements have been made
- Have initiatives with First Selectman C. Goupil to stabilize the pension program
- Chief DeMaio will renegotiate his contract to help stabilize the pension program

New Business:

Hiring process/new hires (2):

- Need to begin the process of hiring for both new recruits and lateral officers
- Chief DeMaio would like to begin this process after the TA has been ratified

RAD Program:

- Chief DeMaio recognized Officer Matakaetis and Officer Recchia for a great job organizing and promoting the fund raiser at Saldamarco's to fund the RAD program

D. Morelli asked to hold a special meeting, due to the time constraints for this meeting, to discuss some matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Administrative Assistant

STATE of the DEPARTMENT – April 2018

OPERATIONS

1. Social Media / Outreach
 - Currently, 2,600+ followers on CPD's Facebook page.
 - Tee-shirt sales are going strong on CPD Facebook & K9 Sonny's Instagram page.
 - "Scam Patrol" radio program continues on ICRV radio. 8th Show to air 05/16 @ 8:30 AM.
 - Graduation of CPD/MPD Senior Academy on May 9th.
 - CPD Citizens Police Academy graduates May 29th. Highest attendance ever.
 - RAD Fundraiser at Saldamarco's Deli May 2nd & 3rd.

2. K9 Program
 - Instagram Followers over 13,000.
 - Proposed licensing with UNILAD for Sonny video to BOS.
 - Unit has received third certification with North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). Team has three overlapping certifications.

3. Shoreline Technical Crimes Investigative Group / South Central Regional
 - SCCJA completed administration of promotional testing. Awaiting finalized contract for Non-Union positions.
 - Finalizing Federal Duty status with USSS for Officer Varone.

4. Personnel
 - Officer Mangs selected as the New School Resource Officer (SRO).
 - Officer Santiago resigned from the Department on May 8th. He has accepted a Special Agent position with the FBI.
 - We currently have two vacant positions on Staff. All applicants of the last hiring process were eliminated. New process to begin prior to June 1st.

5. Budget
 - Positive revenues provided to Town since last Meeting:
 - i. \$4,105.00 - R.A.D. Donations.
 - ii. \$3,291.00 - K9 Donations.
 - iii. \$22,749.00 – Sale of old Marine Unit vessel and Cedar Island credit.
 - **Total: \$ 30,145.00**

- Asked by 1st Selectman to reduce staff and overall budget due to Budget failure:
 - Cut 2 part-time Dispatcher positions.
 - Cut request for second part-time MACO.
 - Cut \$25,000.00 from Police Overtime line.
 - Cut \$10,000.00 from Communications Overtime line.

6. Investigations

- 16 new cases opened, 36 cases pending (see spreadsheet).
- 33 Grams of Carfentanyl seized in larceny case. Sent to DEA lab for analysis.

7. Marine Patrol

- Old vessel was sold and payment was delivered to Town Finance Department.
- Purchase of replacement Marine Patrol vessel was approved at Town Meeting.
- Vessel currently receiving final fitting out.

Support Services

8. Contracts & Vendors

- Union has ratified the TA with the Town. (22 For: 1 Against & 1 ballot disqualified)
- Finalizing termination of Crown Castle lease on Ridge Road Site. Annual savings \$8,854.00.
- Meetings with Town Pension Committee to stabilize pension plan (2).

9. Software and Technology

- E-Ticket printers ordered for patrol vehicles.
- Sgt. Jakober and Chief DeMaio working on implementation of Power DMS records management software to improve accountability of directives and training records.

10. Fleet

- Remaining Dodges in fleet running 80% of fleet maintenance costs.
- \$3,000.00 repair bill from last fiscal year was submitted.

11. Communications

- Current CBA contract expires June 30,2018. Negotiations with Union to begin soon.
- Held meeting with DSET to explore the availability of funding sources for communications from the State.

12. Training

- Officers Matakaetis and Recchia attended R.A.D. Instructor course and preparing to begin new program.
- SPI Command School in April 2018 was cancelled.
- CIRMA to conduct Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving Course, Department-wide (Spring 2018).
- Sgt. Jakober selected for FBI National Academy Session 274, October 2018.

13. Community Outreach and Charities during the month of April:

- PIC Meeting (1) Pellegrini, Popovich.
- Interview with Coast Guard Academy Seniors – DeMaio.
- Meeting with Maryann O'Donnell & H.S. Faculty (2) – DeMaio, Popovich.
- Scam Patrol– DeMaio.
- DARE Classes – Mangs & Corbin.
- Police & Youth Meetings (2) – Sepega, Mangs, Torino.
- Branford Deputy Chief Resume Review Committee – DeMaio.
- South Central Chiefs of Police Meeting – DeMaio.
- FBI NAA Meeting – DeMaio, Niles.
- CPD/MPD Senior Police Academy – DeMaio, Flynn, Frey, Pellegrini, Cairns, Struzinski, Church, Varone & Matakaetis.
- CPD Citizens Police Academy – DeMaio, Dunn, Harkins, Varone, Flynn, Strunjo & Pellegrini.
- Families Helping Families Board Meeting – DeMaio, Hidek.
- Meeting with Chamber of Commerce – DeMaio.
- Meeting with Citizens (2) – DeMaio.
- Meeting with Staff of Coast Guard L.I.S. Group – DeMaio.
- Police Association of Connecticut Executive Board Meeting – DeMaio.

14. Upcoming Events:

- Memorial Day Parade – May 28th, 0800-1200 hours
- Clinton Police Youth Group Food Drive – May 12th, 1100-1400 hours.
- CPD Citizen's Police Academy – 04/10 - 05/29.
- FBI NAA Golf Tournament – June 18th.