

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
June 10, 2019

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

Also present: Chief DeMaio, Captain Flynn and Captain Jakober

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

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Awareness: Comments from the Public:

- Residents of Commerce and Grove Streets commented on the increasing traffic issues with the following comments made:
 - There needs to be a solution that is appreciated by everyone; that will protect the value of their homes but also encourage commerce
 - Traffic issues are more pronounced and there needs to be a comprehensive solution
 - Consider a short term solution before a global solution is agreed upon
 - Lobster Landing alone served 1,500 people last Saturday and Sunday which equates to approximately 500 cars over those two days
 - McConville has offered Bacci 14 parking spaces which would free up some parking spaces streetside
 - As a temporary measure place “No Parking” signs on the affected streets
 - It was explained that Planning and Zoning is working on the stationary vendor permit regulations to eliminate these types of problems
 - Handicap parking spaces need to remain where they are currently located
 - Shank’s employees park on the street; they should park elsewhere and save street parking for the customers
 - Consider changing the speed limit on Grove Street and Commerce Street to 25 mph
- Chief DeMaio commented as follows:
 - A meeting of all interested parties is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room
 - The mission is to have commerce, have a safe environment, maintain a residential and neighborhood feel
 - The main issues are parking and volume
 - Finding adequate parking for customers
 - Not pushing this problem from one area to another
 - Need wayfinding signage for nearby parking
 - Need a sidewalk on Riverside Drive from the Town Marina to Grove Street
 - The One Way solution was not a good fit for the residents
 - Move the boat trailer parking from the Town Marina parking lot to a different location – this will have to be discussed with the Harbor Commission and Planning and Zoning
- A motion was made by L. Hidek, seconded by R. Derry to authorize the speed limit on both Grove and Commerce Streets be lower to 25 mph. The motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (Morrelli).

Traffic Authority:

- Shuttle Stops and Signage:
 - A 30’ trolley will be utilized by the 9 Town Transit beginning June 28th every weekend until Sept 1st
 - There will be 9 trolley stops, those to include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Clinton Crossings – Existing 9TT location▪ CVS – West bound Route 1▪ Town Docks – NE corner and Riverside Dr▪ Clinton Art Store – East bound Route 1▪ Liberty Green – Existing 9TT location	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Stop and Shop – Existing 9TT location▪ ShopRite – Existing 9TT location▪ Doc’s – 100 yards east of existing 9TT location▪ Coffee Break – West bound Route 1
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- A motion was made by R. Derry, seconded by L. Hidek to approve the use of the trolley for the dates and stop locations as outlined by Chief DeMaio. The motion carried unanimously.
- Trolley signs denoting the various stops will be posted during the season only
- Pierson Closure:
 - The traffic at both Eliot and Joel Schools will be impacted due to the closing of Pierson School
 - Chief DeMaio has met with Superintendent O'Donnell, DPW Director Hajek, BoE Director of Maintenance Carrion to review and consider reconfiguring the parent pickup and bus drop off traffic flow
 - The suggested changes were explained to the Traffic Authority, noting the better traffic flow and student safety
 - DPW could do the work in house
 - Parents will be notified of any and all changes to parking, pickup locations and traffic flow by the Superintendent's office

Correspondence:

- Thank you from D. Fuchs, Chief Operating Officer, Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation
- National Computer Forensics Institute Certification - Cpl Varone
- Sgt Pellegrini – to be awarded IAFCI CT Chapter 2019 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- Phone Call - Thank you for assistance with Memorial Day Parade from Joe Diedrich
- CLEAR Finalist – Chief DeMaio – Chief of the Year
- CLEAR Finalist – Cpl Varone – Investigative Excellence

Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 13, 2019:

- A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by R. Derry to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of line items accounts:

- Overtime will be over budget, but the salary line item account should cover it
- The Communications overtime overage can be covered by remaining funds from the MACO budget
- Went before the Board of Selectmen and have to go before the Board of Finance for line item transfers to pay for Ofc Gregorczyk's uniforms (\$2,787) and CaseCracker software (\$19,372)
 - A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by R. Derry to allow Chief DeMaio to go forward with the purchase of the CaseCracker software with the Boards of Selectmen and Finance approval as outlined. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report:

- Points highlighted from the State of the Department are as follows:
 - Followers on our social media continues to grow
 - Sgt Pellegrini received the "Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) of the Year Award" from the International Association of Financial Crime Investigators (IAFCI) on June 6th
 - Chief DeMaio and Corporal Varone are nominees for "Chief of the Year" and "Investigative Excellence" at the FBI "CLEAR" Awards on June 25th
 - Provided a brief accounting of the K9 tracking and apprehension incident which took place in town
 - STCIG – Cpl Varone completed "Crypto-Currency" training in Alabama
 - Officer Gorski is off FTO and on his own
 - Officer Massey has been extended on FTO
 - Officer Gregorczyk has been on his own for a few weeks
 - Considering increasing Field Training to a 12 to 14-week program for new hires

- There are 32 open cases for May and June and 4 arrests were made
- The May training report was distributed
- Officer Harkins has been selected to go into the Detective Bureau for a year beginning July 1, 2019
- Working on training for the Marine Patrol
- Working on a schedule for the boat to patrol the waters as well as the shellfish beds
- Will meet with the Cedar Island Association, Harbor Commission and Shellfish Commission

Captain Flynn's Report:

- Great job by the officers at the burglary incident last weekend
- Arrests are up in comparison to last year this time
 - Arrests can be very time consuming for the detectives
- The School Resource Officer goes into the Detective Bureau during the school vacation

Captain Jakober's Report:

- Fleet in good shape – just a few mechanical issues which are being addressed
- The electronic key access went down, but has been repaired
- Some officers are going to ARIDE training
- Looking for an in-house instructor for Taser and use of force training
- Researching ballistic armor for our female officers
- The CALEA inspection is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019
- The MPP filed by the union has been settled

Old Business: None

New Business: None

General Department Discussion:

- D. Morelli discussed the March and April budget sheets and the need to keep them standardized

Executive Session:

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to move into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. for the purposes of discussing personnel inviting Chief DeMaio, Captain Flynn and Captain Jakober. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 7:40 p.m.

There was no vote or action taken.

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by R. Derry to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Administrative Assistant

STATE of the DEPARTMENT – May - June 2019

OPERATIONS

1. Social Media / Outreach:

- Currently, over 3,400 followers on CPD's Facebook page. Post reach for May 11.8 K
- Officers Lombardo and Brymer were recognized by M.A.D.D. at awards on May 7th.
- Sgt. Pellegrini received "LEO of the Year Award" from the International Association of Financial Crime Investigators (IAFCI) on June 6th.
- Chief DeMaio named as finalist for "Chief of the Year" – FBI "CLEAR Awards" June 25th.
- Corporal Varone named as finalist for "Investigative Excellence" - FBI "CLEAR Awards" June 25th.

2. K9 Program:

- Over 41,000 followers on K9 Sonny's Instagram Page.
- Tracking and apprehension of a suspect of an evading crash and burglary suspect who fled scene of MVA and then broke into and occupied home and barricaded himself inside. Suspect surrendered to K9 Unit without incident.

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

- Varone completed "Crypto-Currency training in Hoover, AL, sponsored and financed by U.S.S.S.
- New Police Chiefs appointed in North Branford, Branford, UNH and Naugatuck. Interim Chiefs in New Haven and Ansonia.

4. Personnel:

- Officers Gorski and Massey have entered the final phase of their Field Training requirements. Both are expected to be released to regular duty in the 2nd week of June.
- Officer John Gregorczyk's performance has been evaluated by the supervisory and Command Staff and He has been released to Full-Duty status as of June 3rd. He was given orientation training by Officer Caruso.

5. Budget:

- Working with Finance Dept. on line-item transfers for year's end.

6. Investigations:

- May - 32 open cases under investigation. 4 arrests (see attached).
- Officer Harkins selected for special assignment placement into the Investigative Section. Projected timeline is July 1st 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- Continuing to work closely with Madison PD on others on investigative work.

7. Marine Patrol:

- Vessel is checked-out and ready for service.
- Expanding operational service to monitor Recreational Shellfish Beds.
- Working with CVFD to cross-train operators and crew.

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 (CALEA), to reduce risk exposure and identify operational and policy weaknesses has been approved. On-site review date: June 24th.

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).
- Working with State to receive grant for E-Printers to outfit remaining patrol vehicles and Marine Patrol Vessel.

10. General Order Updates, Revisions and Drafts:

- Family Violence.
- Civilian Complaints.
- Internal Affairs Investigations.

11. Fleet:

- Radar units to be moved to Fords with e-printers installed (Jakober).
- K9 Team is currently utilizing both Car#1 & Car #9 as both vehicles continue to have operational issues.

12. Communications:

- Dispatcher Clados presented at "Home Alone" program (5/20/2019).
- 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 (Hearing scheduled for June 12th).

13. Training:

- 357 hours of training to 15 Employees during May-June (see attached).

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

- APB in the CRV radio show (2) – DeMaio.
- DARE Classes & Graduation– Harkins, Corbin & Recchia.
- Citizen’s Police Academy Graduation – Dunn, DeMaio, Pellegrini, Strunjo.
- Meeting to study traffic pattern at Commerce / Grove intersection (2) – DeMaio, Flynn.
- Police Youth Group – Mangs, Torino & Corbin.
- Meeting with Citizens (4) – DeMaio
- Morgan Graduation Meeting – DeMaio, Flynn, Mangs.
- MADD Awards – DeMaio, Jakober, Lombardo, Brymer.
- CIRMA L.E. Advisory Board – DeMaio.
- Regional Technical Investigative Units Meeting – DeMaio, DePietro.
- Troop F & Shoreline Police Departments’ Annual Retiree Lunch – DeMaio, Flynn, Jakober, DePietro, Caruso.
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor – DeMaio.
- Meeting with Social Services – DeMaio.
- Branford Chief of Police Swearing-in Ceremony – DeMaio.
- North Branford Chief of Police Swearing-in Ceremony, DeMaio, Flynn, Jakober.
- Milford Oral Board Panel – Jakober.
- S.W.N.T.F. Policy Board Meeting – DeMaio.
- FHF Board Meeting – DeMaio, Hidek.

15. Upcoming Events:

- Morgan Graduation – June 12th.
- CLEAR Awards – June 25th, Anthony’s Oceanside, East Haven, CT
- Memorial Day Parade – May 27th.
- Bluefish Race – August 17th.
- Sumer Fireworks Festival – August 31st.