

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
February 14, 2022

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Tessman, Commissioners, Rob Derry, Paul Melanson, Dom Morelli and Lynn Hidek (arrived at 6:45 P.M)

Also present: Chief DeMaio, Captain Jakober, Captain DePietro and Dennis Donovan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Ed Tessman. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made to approve the submitted agenda by Commissioner Derry and seconded by Commissioner Melanson. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Derry, seconded by Commissioner Morelli to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

- Thank you from the Mangler family to the Department
- Thank you from Mable McAlpine to the Department
- Thank you letters from Chief DeMaio to the Chiefs of the Yale, Middletown and Groton Police Departments for allowing their officer's to be part of the Support dog presentation.
- Correspondence from CALEA to Chief DeMaio inviting him to be part of the Executive Director Advisory Group.

Comments from the Public:

- Residents, Courtney Foster, Karen Foster, Christine Voorhees, Elizabeth Bechard and Don Young from the Indian Shores Homeowners Association shared comments supporting the use of allowing golf carts in their association

Traffic Authority:

- Golf cart usage update- Chief DeMaio presented the Commission with his research completed, regarding golf cart usage in several other towns. Discussion occurred and Chief DeMaio answered any questions the Commissioners had.
- Commissioner Morelli made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Melanson to have Chief DeMaio draft a document that would define use and requirements for a traffic regulation in the Indian Shores Homeowners Association. It will be presented during the March meeting for discussion, review and a vote which would allow a one-year trial period. The motion unanimously approved.

Chief's Report:

- There is currently only one officer out on sick leave, non Covid related.
- Chief DeMaio discussed his State of the Department report and the Project Lifesaver Program.
- Chief DeMaio discussed the fleet and that two new replacement vehicles were ordered but are on back order.
- Chief DeMaio explained that the Town received \$33,600 from the State of Connecticut for reimbursement for the Body worn cameras, that money was deposited in the Town's General Fund. Additionally, the budget for the cameras was \$275,000, the department was able to save the town \$35,000 with a final cost of implementation being \$240,000.

- Chief DeMaio discussed the 2022/2023 Budget and explained that he is working with the Town Manager on it. The Budget workshop is scheduled for February 17, 2022.
- Chief DeMaio explained that he has submitted a Capital Request in Fiscal Year 22/23 to purchase a replacement MACO van.

Captain Jakober's Report:

- Vehicles – Cars are at MHQ waiting for graphics to be affixed.
- Building-In January the heater block for the generator failed and needed to be repaired, it was replaced. Additionally, the furnace heater failed and G.R. Wade replaced 15 burners. It is now fixed.
- General Orders-Captain Jakober has updated two Department policies

Captain DePietro's Report:

- Marine-Captain DePietro explained that with the boat out of the water it is being inspected to make sure it is ready for service.
- Captain DePietro explained the monthly calls for service report and answered any questions the Commissioners had regarding the report. Captain DePietro explained that larcenies and shoplifting calls are down and he attributes that to proactive patrols.
- Investigative Report- Captain DePietro answered questions regarding a stolen firearm case.
- Commissioner Morelli asked Captain DePietro about a case involving engaging an officer in pursuit with a subsequent arrest. Captain DePietro explained the arrest was made by warrant after the suspect was identified and officers did not engage in a pursuit.

Old Business:

- Radio Project- Chief DeMaio explained that a site walk occurred with NORCOM and a quote should be received by March for the town wide radio replacement project.
- SRO MOU- Chief DeMaio stated BOE legal has it currently and he is waiting to hear from the Superintendent.
- Service Dog- Paperwork sent to the Town Manager, contact was made with Puppies Beyond Bars. Will be a beneficial program for the department and the town. The JAG grant funds will be used to support the program and not to add a vehicle to the fleet.

New Business:

- Officer Recognition Program- Discussion occurred regarding having a subcommittee consisting of Commissioners and officers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Melanson. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Joanne Shove
 Executive Assistant
 Police Chief

STATE of the DEPARTMENT Jan 2022 / Feb. 2022

OPERATIONS

1. Special Projects & Programs:

- Planning launch of new "Project Lifesaver" program for late Winter or early Spring.
- Relocating Shoreline Technical Crime Investigative Group's (STCIG) lab from New Haven to Madison.
- Researching implementation of Service Dog program.

2. Personnel:

- One (1) employee on extended medical leave, non-COVID related.
- Fourteen (14) employees have been subjected to protocols of Special Order 21-01, since November.

3. Financials:

- Town Council approved transfer of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) from extra-duty vehicle billing to PD's "Vehicle Maintenance" line item (54311).
- Budget reviews conducted with Town Manager on January 25th.

4. Investigations:

- February - There are currently thirty-five (35) open cases under investigation. Seven (7) cases were closed (see attached report).

5. Marine Patrol:

- Budgeted for Engine overhaul and service in FFY 22/23.

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6. CALEA:

- Planning for CALEA On-Site Assessment in Fall Assessment period (November).
- Review and updates in process or completed to the following policies:
 - ✓ Property and Evidence.
 - ✓ Uniforms.

7. Contracts & Vendors:

- Radio Project:
 - ✓ Site Walk completed on 02 February.
 - ✓ Process of system development is underway.

8. Software and Technology:

- New security camera installed in main hallway to monitor rear and side entrances.
- Implementation work of new emergency notification and response system (Rapid SOS) is continuing.
 - Training for PD and Dispatch conducted on 09 February 2022

9. Fleet:

- Two vehicles (Units 2&6) damaged. One by vandalism, one in collision.
- Will ask Town Council to reallocate additional funds remaining from Body-Camera project to move up fleet rotation, one vehicle.

10. Training:

- One-hundred-thirteen (113) hours to six (6) employees (see attached report).
- All employees are receiving new on-line cyber-security training (NINJIO).
- All Employees to receive ethics and annual racial profiling training.

11. Community Outreach and Charities during the months of January & February:

- Meetings with Center for Policing Equity (2) – DeMaio, Jakober.
- SCCOP Monthly Meeting – DeMaio, Jakober, DePietro.
- SCCOP Board of Directors Meeting (2) – DeMaio.
- SCAB Meeting – DeMaio, Mangs, Corbin.
- Meeting with S.O.S. personnel – DeMaio.
- Pete Mezzetti Show – DeMaio.
- CPCA Officer Wellness Committee – DeMaio.
- CJIS – CT Board of Directors Meeting – DeMaio.
- Meeting with Chair of Clinton Human Rights Committee – DeMaio.
- Meeting with SAC – FBI New Haven – DeMaio.
- Meeting with RAC – HSI New Haven – DeMaio.
- PAC Executive Board Meeting – DeMaio.
- PAC Finance Committee Meeting – DeMaio.

12. Upcoming Events:

- Shoreline Diaper Drive – February 1 – 15.
- FHF Food Drive- March 26th.