

MINUTES  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
August 8, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioners Rob Derry, Dom Morelli, Paul Melanson and Lynn Hidek

ABSENT: Chairman Ed Tessman

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Commissioner Rob Derry. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the Public:

- Joy Dondero, Mary Drechsler and Gisella Selden expressed their concern for traffic enforcement on Shore Road and Cause way, particularly stop sign violations and speeding violations. Discussion occurred and Chief DeMaio advised that Corporal Harkins would conduct a speed survey with the traffic signs in the area and collect data.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Melanson to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

- Thank you from Special Olympics to Corporal Kyle Strunjo, Executive Assistant Joanne Shove and the entire department for raising over \$6000.00 at Tip a Cop.
- Correspondence from John Coulter regarding Corporal Torino and Records clerk Pam Ferrier.
- Thank you from Rose Ferreira to Chief DeMaio
- Thank you from Steffen Finkelstein to Corporal John Harkins
- Correspondence from Danielle Secki regarding Records clerk Pamela Ferrier
- Thank you to Chief DeMaio from Tom Shultz
- Thank you from Ryan Dugas regarding Officer Lombardo
- Thank you from Niles Wilson to Chief DeMaio and Captain Jakober
- Thank you from Kimmee Henage to Chief DeMaio
- Thank you from Tom Foster to Chief DeMaio
- Correspondence from Laura Colebrook to Chief DeMaio

- Thank you from Darlene Dumont regarding Sergeant Varone and other department members.
- Donation received from Michael Barker for the department's Officer Wellness program
- Donation received from Tammy Rovero for Citizen's Police Academy
- Donation received from William Brinley for the Officer Wellness program
- Donation received from the Huisking Foundation for the Youth Group program

Traffic Authority:

- Lockwood Lake Improvement District- A motion was made to approve a temporary road closure on 8/21/22 for a block party. The motion was made by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Melanson to approve the request. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Closer to Free Ride- A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Melanson to approve the request. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Connecticutare Gran Fondo bicycle ride request- A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Melanson to approve the request. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Cow Hill/Airline Road- The hidden driveway sign has been installed and the roadway engineering and reconfiguration of the Airline/Cow Hill Road intersection will begin once the Fire department water tank is in place.
- Carter Hill/Long Hill Road-The area was previously approved to be re-engineered to a "T- intersection".

Chief's Report:

- Support Dog program- Corporal Frey adopted a rescue dog that is currently being evaluated to see if it can be certified as a support dog.
- The Justice Navigator final report should be complete within the next few weeks.
- The department will begin using CIRMA's new Virtual De-escalation training simulator. (1<sup>st</sup> in the state)
- Chief DeMaio attended the FBINAA conference in Cleveland and has coordinated with other state agencies to bring nationally recognized Civil unrest training to Connecticut.
- Rebecca Hristov was hired as a new Dispatcher and her training is progressing well.
- Chief DeMaio discussed the Budget reports and answered any questions the Commission had.

Captain Jakober's Report:

- Continuing to work on policies for CALEA accreditation.

Captain DePietro's Report:

- Marine 1 is being deployed daily and two additional operators are being trained.
- Motor vehicle enforcement has doubled over last month's totals.
- Captain DePietro provided the Commissioners with the Monthly Stat report and answered any questions.
- Investigative Report-Memo provided to Commissioners

Old Business:

- Radio Project-Next meeting is August 16<sup>th</sup> to select equipment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Shove  
Executive Assistant  
Police Chief