

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
November 8, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Tessman, Commissioners Lynn Hidek, Rob Derry and Paul Melanson
ABSENT: Dom Morelli

Also present: Chief DeMaio, Captain DePietro, Captain Jakober and a Clinton Police Department officer

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by Chairman Ed Tessman. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Derry, seconded by Commissioner Hydek to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commission Awareness:

- Comments from the Public: There was no one at the meeting from the public

Correspondence:

- Thank you from Michael Poulos

Traffic Authority:

- Golf cart usage update- A formal request has been made to the Traffic Authority to allow golf carts on Mohawk Drive, Iroquois Drive and Indian Drive. Chief DeMaio will be sending a letter to all the residents in Country Club Estates regarding interest in having golf carts on the roadways they live on, should the Traffic Authority approve the request. The Chief will continue to get gather information from other Police Chiefs that allow golf carts in certain areas of their towns.
- Indian River Landing Update- Has opened with partial occupancy and the only entrance at this time is across the street from the exit 63 S/B ramp. In the spring an additional entrance may be located across from the Clinton Crossings entrance, making it a four-way intersection. Additional control signals and traffic lanes will be added when that occurs.
- Traffic Concern Grove Way/ Causeway update- Chief DeMaio sent a letter to the President of the Grove Beach Improvement Association, at this time the association is still not interested in a change to the area of concern. Chief DeMaio will reconnect with the President to discuss it further.

Approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 regular meeting:

- Commissioner Hydek made a motion to amend the minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting to “change three way stop sign to intersection”. A motion was made by Commissioner Derry to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Melanson. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report:

- Reviewed the State of the Department with some topics discussed (see State of the Department attached)
- Alyssa Saraceno was hired as new full time dispatcher and is currently being trained
- CALEA Accreditation- Chief DeMaio stated that the department is in the process of Self-Assessment and a meeting occurred today with members of the department who will be involved in assisting with accreditation.
- DARE- Currently 4 officers teach DARE as an ancillary assignment to their normal duties. The program is well received by the Board of Education, parents and students.

Radio Project:

- Paul Zito provided Chief DeMaio with his report and The Chief discussed three options, which are trunked radio system, P25 Standard APCO system and a Hybrid system. The Chief sate that it would take at least a year to get the new system up and running.

Financial Report:

- Budget is in line
- With the hiring of a new dispatcher there is still an increase in overtime to replace the open shifts and to train the new dispatcher, in the Communications budget.

Captain Jakober's Report:

- Cameras- a site walk occurred on 10/27/2021 with the Director of IT, Ivan Bailey. A quote was received for 5 cameras, two which will be newly installed cameras and three which will be replacement cameras.

Captain DePietro's Report:

Marine:

- The boat is still in the water and it will be as long as the season allows as they still respond to marine calls.

Detective Bureau reports:

- Captain DePietro provided the commissioners with a copy of a Monthly Call type report which is broken down by day of the week.
- Captain DePietro stated that the department was very busy last week with an armed robbery at the Shell station and a crime spree that followed. He commended the work of Sgt. Pellegrini and Detective Recchia as an arrest was made with 12 hours.
- Captain DePietro additionally commended the work of Sgt. Varone, Corporal Mangs and Officer Corbin regarding a Domestic Violence case involving a Violation of a Protective Order. An arrest was also made in the case within 12 hours as well.

- Captain DePietro Stated that patrol units had cases with a serial shoplifter at the outlets and they now have 8 active warrants for this suspects arrest. He commended the actions of the Detective bureau and patrol units for all of their hard work.
- K9 Frey and Sonny assisted with K9 tracks in the towns of Old Saybrook and Guilford. They additionally have attended monthly training.
- Commissioner Hydek asked about an Identity theft case involving Liberty Bank and Captain DePietro explained that it involved a person sending money to someone that they should not have.
- Captain DePietro explained his monthly Stats report and answered any questions the Commissioners had regarding the report.

Old Business:

- Awards and Recognition- A discussion occurred about having an awards ceremony every three months and during the Commission meetings.
- Community Support Service dog- A presentation will occur in December at the next commission meeting.
- SRO MOU- Chief DeMaio stated he drafted a Memorandum and sent it to the Superintendent for her review.

New Business:

- Captain Jakober's contract was approved by the Town Council.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Shove
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Police Chief