MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015 7:00 P.M.
11 FRANKLIN STREET
SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: Lucy McConologue, Steve Chuca, Frank Conroy and Robert Koskelowski (William Paecht absent) Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, DC Saikowski, Inspector DeNigris, Sgt. Prajer, Officer Butler, Officer Oczkowski, Officer Tomassella, Cmdr D’Antona, Officer Harkins, Cmdr Rinaldi, Sgt. Fappiano, Officer J. Martin, Jeff Dussetschleger, Jen Magri, and the public

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman McConologue.

2. Pledge of allegiance: was led by Commissioner Chuca.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on September 16, 2015
   Steve Chuca/Robert Koskelowski motion to accept the minutes. Motion: 4:0

   Approval of minutes of special meeting on September 30, 2015
   Frank Conroy/Steve Chuca motion to accept the minutes. Motion: 4:0

   Steve Chuca/Frank Conroy motion to add to the agenda the Strategic Planning Committee. Motion: 4:0

   Question and answer session took place between the Board and the two members of the Strategic Planning Committee. The Board members gave their views on how to better move the Town of Seymour forward.

5. Commissioner’s Comments: None.

6. Old Business:

   6a) Patrol reports: Board accepts the report
   6b) Detective report: Board accepts the report.
   6c) SRO report & Community Police: Board accepts the reports. Trick or Trunk on Saturday, October 24th, donations from various organization were brought in and upcoming Senior Safety Preparedness program. Officer Tomassella implemented a new program called “5:30 Wildcat Program” for those students that have been suspended.
6d) K-9 report: Chief Metzler reports that between private donations, selling of raffle tickets, shirts and money made at Smoke in the Valley, over $17,000 has been brought in, therefore, funds are available for a second dog. Officer Oczkowski spoke on the K-9 program and the training. A bullet proof vest is on order for K-9 Sage which was paid for through the K-9 Olympics. Chief Metzler would like the Board to make a motion for a second dog and move forward with the selection process of the handler.

Commissioner Koskelowski supports a second dog completely but warned about the over time associated with another officer going to training, he would like to wait one more month and see the financial portion as he sees there is only $2700.00 in the K-9 line item.

Chief Metzler states that the reports the Board is looking at are for September and do not include the current money that was brought in which is the $17,000 for the K-9.

Commissioner Conroy feels the officers did a good job raising donations and it is a great public relations program.

Chairwoman McConologue feels the community has supported the K-9 unit by making donations.

Steve Chucta/Frank Conroy motion to add a second dog and move forward with the selection process for the handler. Motion: 4:0

6e) Car Report: Board accepts the report.

7. New Business: None.

8. Management Report: Chief Metzler reports an increase in motor vehicle stops, budget looks good-the only concerning line item is the Supernumeries, Sgt. Prajer completed his training at Northwestern University and a disciplinary letter for an officer was handed out.

Sgt. Prajer spoke on his experiences and training he received in the 10 week course. The department will be implementing some of the programs that Sgt. Prajer learned about in his training.

Commissioner Koskelowski wanted to know the cost for this course, why the Board was not notified in a timely manner that this training was going to happen and feels that more officers should go for training as it is better for the community. He suggests that Chief Metzler post a signup sheet for the next training class, however, feels that there is a lack of communication to the Board.

Commissioner Conroy states the community should be very proud that Sgt. Prajer came out first in the class.

Chairwoman McConologue agrees that there should be more communication to the Board as to the officers training.
9. **Correspondence:** Letter received from a family in town praising the outstanding job Detective Romagna did in helping them.

10. **Other Business:** Chief Metzler advises that Officer Butler will be the new K-9 handler.

11. **Public Comment:** None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** Steve Chucta/Fran Conroy motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. **Motion: 4:0**

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary