MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017 7:00 PM
SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT
11 FRANKLIN STREET

Members Present: Robert Koskelowski, William Paecht, Lucy McConologue, Frank Conroy, and Dave Bitso

Also In Attendance: Chief Michael Metzler, Deputy Chief Paul Satkowski, Inspector Joseph DeNigris, Commander Roberto Rinaldi, Sgt. Michael Fappiano, Officer John Oczkowski, Officer Jonathan Martin, Patrick Dempsey, Dave Gallo

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Koskelowski

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Koskelowski

At this time, Chairman Koskelowski asked for a moment of silence for M. Kirk Weldon, a long time fireman and crossing guard in town, and also for Stephen Chucta who has dedicated his whole life to the Town of Seymour.

3. Public Comment – None

4. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2017
Frank Conroy/William Paecht motion to accept the minutes. Motion: 5:0

5. Executive Session: Interview Candidates for Patrol Position
William Paecht/David Bitso to go into executive session at 7:04 p.m. to interview two candidates for patrol position. Motion 5:0

William, Paecht/David Bitso to come out of executive session at 7:44 p.m. Motion 5:0

While in Executive session, the Board called Chief Metzler in at 7:04 p.m. and he came out at 7:21 p.m.

6. Take Possible Action on Patrol Openings

William Paecht/Frank Conroy to offer Patrick Dempsey and David Gallo a conditional offer of employment once they complete the psychological, medical, and polygraph testing successfully. Motion: 5:0

Chairman Koskelowski explained to the two candidates that once they have completed the testing successfully, the Board will hold a special meeting and at that meeting they will be offered the job.
7. Commissioners Comments

Frank Conroy/William Paecht to move New Business - Request from Bailey Cook for Stop Sign from number 9 to number 7, Commissioners Comments. **Motion: 5:0**

Chairman Koskelowski stated that Bailey Cook is requesting a stop sign on Patton Avenue and Halsey Street and he had spoken to the Chief about it.

At this time, Fredrick Lewkinski of 46 Patton Avenue spoke in regard to the heavy traffic and speeding and asked the board to do something about this.

Chairman Koskelowski stated that he had gone up for a sight visit and noticed that there are no speed limit signs.

Discussions took place and it was decided that this matter will be looked into and the police department will put a package together for the next meeting to see if a stop sign is needed and to place a speed limit sign up.

Frank Conroy/William Paecht to go back to number 7 on the agenda. **Motion: 5:0**

There were no Commissioners comments.

8. Old Business

8a) **Patrol Reports:** Board accepts the reports.

8b) **Detective Report:** Board accepts the report.

8c) **SRO Report & Community Police:** Board accepts the report.

Discussions took place regarding parking on Main Street.

8d) **K-9 Reports:** Board accepts the reports.

8e) **Car Report:** Board accepts the report.

9. **New Business:**

This item was moved up to number 7 on the agenda.
10. Management Report: Chief Metzler reports that we closed out income for the year and ended up with a surplus. The only budget problem we have is in the heating oil line item that we will end up in a negative but spoke to Town Hall and they will make a transfer from the gas line item to the heating oil line item. Overtime is going to be very close. As for income, the Community Fund, Administrative Fees, and Seizure Fund are very healthy. The Chief asked the board if they would approve making a donation of $1,000.00 to the Seymour Kick Off Club.

At this time, the Chief stated that based on retirements and workers comp. cases, he put together a package and would like the Board to make a motion to accept the purchase of two (2) police vehicles out of this year’s budget in the amount of $85,000.00 to come from line item 110 – Wages and go into line item 745 – Non Capital Equipment.

Frank Conroy/Dave Bitso to transfer $85,000.00 from line item 110 – Wages to line item 745 – Non Capital Equipment to purchase two (2) new police vehicles. Motion: 5:0

The Chief also requested authorization to purchase an AFIS/Fingerprint machine in the amount of $15,000.00 out of this year’s budget.

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue to authorize the purchase of an AFIS/Fingerprint machine in the amount of $15,000.00. Motion: 5:0

Dave Bitso/Frank Conroy to authorize a $1,000.00 donation to the Seymour Kick-Off Club to be taken out of the Community Fund. Motion: 5:0

11. Correspondence:

The following letters were presented to the Board:

Letter from Marcia Krusewski thanking Officer Pinto for responding to a medical emergency.

Letter from Joan Parzyck thanking Officer Wilcox for his assistance with a parking ticket.

Letter from the Officers and Members of Citizens Engine Co. 2. thanking the officers and the department for assistance and support during the unexpected passing of Mike Weldon.

Letter from intern Isabella DiRende thanking the Police Department for a great intern experience.

Letter from the Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home thanking the Seymour Police Department for support for the funeral services of Mike Kirk Weldon.
12. Other Business:

William Paecht/Frank Conroy to donate $1,000.00 to each charity in honor of W. Kirk Weldon and Steve Chucta. **Motion: 5:0**

13. Union Business: There was none.

14. Public Comment: There was none.

15. ADJOURNMENT: William Paecht/Dave Bitso motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Nadia Staffieri
Recording Secretary