



## SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Members present:** Lucy McConologue, Steve Chucta, Frank Conroy, John Popik and James Simpson. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, LT. Satkowski, Fred Stanek and Andrew Duva.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman McConologue.
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Commissioner Chucta.
3. **Public Comment:** Fred Stanek, member of the Board of Education, at last months meeting a discussion took place regarding an assignment of an officer in the school, this item was tabled and Mr. Stanek wanted to know if the item was on this agenda for discussion. Chairwoman McConologue will place the item on the agenda under old business.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on September 12, 2013**  
Steve Chucta/Frank Conroy motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 4:0**  
(James Simpson abstain)
5. **Commissioner's Comments:** None.
6. **Old Business:** Frank Conroy/Steve Chucta motion to discuss the status of a patrol officer in the school. Motion: 5:0

**Chairwoman McConologue** states that she has had informal discussions with the Chief and understands that the BOE has put together a formal committee that will look into what the BOE is looking for as far as an officer. We have to be careful what we do as the towns people rejected placing anyone in the schools. All boards need to work together however at this point our hands are tied.

**Chief Metzler** reports that the department is down 7 men (3 on workman's comp, 3 at the academy and one vacancy), would be willing to put an SRO in but cant until March and the SRO needs 2 weeks of certification-this is all pending if funding is available. A retired police officer would be under the direction of the BOE. Patrol has been asked to be more visible at the schools. He would be willing to have an officer, if available, stop at the schools and walk around however each officer must document their visit at the school and bring to a meeting the results of how many times they stopped, no officer will be hanging around.

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**Commissioner Conroy** wanted to know if any certified officers have applied to the department, would appreciate an officer assigned to the school-maybe a retired police officer, likes the idea of an officer stopping by the schools.

**Commissioner Simpson** stated that a retired police officer would be a civilian worker. Any notion of cost sharing? We need people who are employed to come back to work.

**Commissioner Popik** a quick fix would be to have an officer show up at the school, walk around a bit and leave. Some departments do have Board of Education Police-that might take some charter changes and town council would have to be involved, would be willing to sit on the BOE committee.

**Fred Stanek** placing an officer in the schools, after Newtown, was a great idea and would like to have that continue, would welcome the idea of an officer showing up at the schools, walking around a bit and leaving and agrees that all boards need to work together. The BOE welcomes one of the BOPC members to be a part of their committee. Maybe a retired police officer could be hired as this person would not need benefits.

John Popik/Frank Conroy motion to go into New Business executive session for a brief interview of a patrol vacancy at 7:45 p.m.. In attendance: the Board and Andrew Duva.

**Motion: 5:0**

Frank Conroy/Steve Chucta motion to come out of executive session at 7:50 p.m.

**Motion: 5:0** No votes or motions taken.

Frank Conroy/Steve Chucta motion to offer Andrew Duva a conditional offer of employment with the Seymour Police Department. **Motion: 5:0** Andrew Duva accepts.

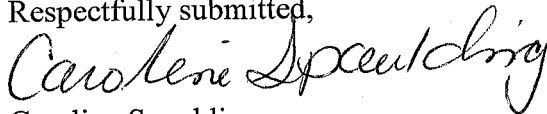
Frank Conroy/John Popik motion to go back to the regular order of business. **Motion: 5:0**

- 6a. Report from Patrol Division – Board accepted report as handed out. License plate reader is working out good and tazer training being worked on.
- 6 b. Det. Division - Board accepted report as handed out.
- 6 c. K-9 – Board accepted report as handed out.
- 6 d. Fleet Maintenance – Board accepted report as handed out. And one of the new vehicles is in.

Duty Manual: Section 15 handed out.

7. **Management Report:** Chief Metzler reports that 2 accounts were handed out, income doing well, first check from statewide went into overtime, pistol permits are up, Sergeants looking for cameras for each officer, Smoke in the Valley and the Pink race were successful-Chief comments that the LT did a nice job.
8. **Correspondence:** Resignation letter from Officer Renaldi and training records for Mark Pinto handed out, letter from John Rosco thanking Det. Nihill and Det. Anderson for a case they worked on for him.
9. **Other Business:** Commissioner Conroy will sit with the Chief to go work on the new budget.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** James Simpson/John Popik motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary