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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: Lucy McConologue, John Popik, James Simpson, Steve Chucta and Frank Conroy. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, LT. Satkowski, Acting LT. Rinaldi, Det. Sgt. DeNigris, Sgt. D'Antona, Officer Tomasella, Officer Scharf and Officer Matusovich.

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:** None.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on April 11, 2013**
Steve Chucta/John Popik motion to accept the minutes **Motion: 4:1** (Frank Conroy abstain)
5. **Commissioner's Comments:** Commissioner Conroy would like more police presence at Chatfield-Lopreti school as he has had complaints about parents on their cell phones when dropping off the children at school.
6. **Old Business:**
 - 6a. Report from Patrol Division – Board accepted report as handed out. Acting LT. Rinaldi reports there are four full time officers and one part time officer out.
 - 6b. Det. Division - Board accepted report as handed out.

James Simpson/John Popik motion to go out of order and acknowledge individual for public comment. **Motion: 5:0**

Lisa Powell, 44 Washington Avenue, stated that she is filing citizen complaints against members of the department. Chairwoman McConologue stated that she would need to do the proper paperwork, follow the proper procedures and that no discussions on the complaints may take place tonight.

James Simpson/John Popik motion to go back to the regular order of the meeting.
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6c. K-9 – Board accepted report as handed out.

6d. Fleet Maintenance – No report.

Section 10 of the Duty Manual was handed out.

John Popik/James Simpson motion to have a special meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to have a second interview for potential patrol positions.

Motion: 5:0

7. New Business:

Chief Metzler spoke on a trike from Land and Sea group. This trike would be used by the department for free for one year at which time the trike could be bought at a reduced price or given back. Driver needs to have a motorcycle license and helmets would need to be purchased. More research needs to be done and the Chief will get the information to the Board for an upcoming meeting.

Union Grievance 2013-2

James Simpson/Frank Conroy motion to discuss grievance number 2013-2. **Motion: 5:0**

Commissioner Popik wanted to know if the Town had an ordinance in place that requires contractors to have an officer for road work. Most towns have ordinances, what authority is there to have a contractor hire an officer. Outside contractor does not have to abide by union contract when the contractor is abiding by OSHA regulations. The Union contract would only apply to a town job that the public works crew is working on. Would rather see the wording that is in the union contract incorporated into a town ordinance.

Chief Metzler reports that an ordinance was in the town charter years ago but was put into the union contract and has been there since 1995.

Commissioner Simpson believes that the Chief is the Town traffic authority. Would need a legislative action to remove an ordinance.

Commissioner Conroy feels this will be a tough decision, states that an officer is trained for this work and has radio communication versus a flag man. If it's a safety issue than an officer needs to be there. Would like to know what other valley towns have regarding this issue.

Chairwoman McConologue asks if the ordinance is no longer in effect because it is in the union contract, do ordinances become obsolete because she cannot find the ordinance on this when it was put on or taken off.

Det. Sgt. DeNigirs states that there is a lot of history involved on this issue between the Union and the Town.

John Popik/Steve Chucta motion to table this item to next month's regular meeting, in agreement with the Union, to investigate this further. **Motion: 5:0**

8. **Management Report:** Chief Metzler thanks Acting LT. Rinaldi for his service as he will be going back to his sergeants position, Detective tests final scores came through-everyone did exceptionally well, over time is extremely high, income doing well, putting numbers together to purchase another vehicle and license plate reader should be up and running in a few weeks.
9. **Correspondence:** LT. Satkowski sent out letters for the Memorial Day Parade and Founders Day. Letter received from Richard Kearns thanking the department for their participation in the Take a Stand Day.
10. **Other Business:** None.
11. **Executive Session:** Employee Performance Appraisal.

John Popik/James Simpson motion to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of employee performance appraisal. In attendance: The Board and Chief Metzler.

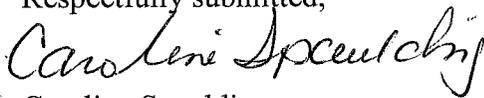
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Frank Conroy/James Simpson motion to come out of executive session at 9:07 p.m. No votes or motion taken. **Motion: 5:0**

John Popik/Frank Conroy motion to table the Chief's signing of his performance appraisal rating until the regular meeting in June. **Motion: 5:0**

12. **ADJOURNMENT** Steve Chucta/John Popik motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary