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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: John Popik, James Simpson, Frank Conroy, Lucy McConologue and Steve Chucta. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, LT. Satkowski, Officer Renaldi, Officer Fappiano and the press.

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 September 13, 2012**
John Popik/Frank Conroy motion to approve the minutes. **Motion: 3:2**
(Lucy McConologue and Steve Chcuta abstain).
5. **Commissioners' Comments:** Commissioner Conroy compliments Officer Renaldi in regards to monitoring the speeding of traffic on Skokorat.

Commissioner Popik would like to table filling the Captains position until the end of the fiscal year sighting that the monies for this position could be utilized for proactive policing such as a community officer or another patrol officer to cut back on overtime. There are three high ranking officers in the department to handle the daily operations. Would like to see a traffic unit or ESU back in operation again as these are all proactive policing, need to start at the bottom level first and feels it is not fair to the town's people that certain policing is not available.

Commissioner Simpson would like to look at the financial impact of holding off the position and what dollar amount would the Captain bring in doing grants. Feels that there are certain days where usage of patrol could be better and states ESU was not run efficiently in the past. Commissioner Conroy disagrees with not filling the position as there are only two people running the department and cannot put a price on public safety, need more top management not fair to town's people. There are other positions the finance board can look at cutting in other departments, the department is under staffed at the top and would be going backwards. Feels it would be okay to go to January 2013 but not the end of the fiscal year.

Chairwoman McConologue feels there are valid points on both sides, the department has been operating with just two administrators for 19 months and compliments the Lieutenant for running the department like clockwork with Hurricane Irene and Storm Alfred. Also feels that the Community Officer needs to be back. Will be another couple of months before the Captain's position will be filled bringing that to the beginning of the new year. Since interviews are already set up for the Captain's position we should take a look at the candidates and see what they have to offer and revisit this and see where we want to go.

6. Old Business:

- 6a. Report from Patrol Division – Board accepted report as handed out. One of the new cars will be on the road shortly and hoping to purchase a license plate reader as the loaner one that is on a car now has been working out very nice.
- 6b. Youth Division – Board accepted report as handed out. There are three sexual assault cases pending.
- 6c. Det. Division – Board accepted report as handed out. There have been more burglaries in town.
- 6d. K-9 - Board accepted report as handed out. Havoc is getting ready to retire soon and hoping to get Raider cross trained.
- 6e. Fleet Maintenance – Board accepted report as handed out.

Duty Manual- section 4 and 5 – Board accepted the sections as handed out.

DWI grant is being handled by a Sergeant and he is in the process of putting all the paperwork together.

Town attorney ruling- Per Town Attorney ruling, on the action taken in last month's meeting regarding Det. Sgt. Goodmaster, the action is null and void and the action must be taken by the Board of Selectman. As it stands now, there will be a vacancy in that position as of March 9, 2013.

Commissioner Simpson wanted to know who made this request and why the copy of the action that the Board has, has the Chairwoman's name on it and was the request in writing or oral. Why did this motion start a fire storm right after the meeting and would like the Chairwoman to find out what the legal costs were regarding this transaction.

Chairwoman McConologue states that the request was made by the First Selectman and she asked for a copy of the action, which she did over the phone.

Commissioner Popik explained the sequence of events that took place on his end regarding contacting the proper people on the action from last month. Afterwards, Commissioner Popik received an email from the First Selectman that was sent to the pension administrator to halt the process due to the fact the town attorney is looking into the legality of the motion.

7. New Business:

Union Grievance 12-5- This grievance is in regards to an officer changing his days off as another officer is out on workman's comp.

John Popik/Steve Chucta motion to deny the grievance according to the union contract
Motion: 5:0

Raymond Walsh, who is applying to become a supernumerary with the department and was not available to be at the meeting, will have an interview on Wednesday, October 24, 2012.

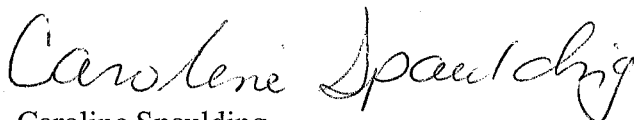
8. Management Report: Trick or trunk will take place on Sunday, October 28, 2012 and trying to get the food drive and toy drive established. Department of Justice changed the requirements for the seizure fund in which the State money had to come out and be moved to the community fund. JAG grant money of \$ 32,299 will be used to purchase a license plate reader and buying of new equipment for interviews, any monies left over will go to purchase radar equipment. Three cameras on the building have gone down and need to be replaced for a cost of \$ 2,900 which will come out of line 740. Income is doing well, private duty steady and Detective Bureau doing background checks on 12 applicants.

9. Correspondence: Chief will look into possibly sending two people to the NEOAA training.

10. Other Business: Commissioner Conroy would like to have the Chief look at towns in Connecticut that compare to Seymour in regards to size of their police department, how many residents in Town and find out how many administrators these departments have.

11. ADJOURNMENT Steve Chucta/Frank Conroy motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary