



SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: Lucy McConologue, Steve Chucta, Frank Conroy, John Popik, James Simpson. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, LT. Satkowski, Det. Nihill, Det. Sgt. Goodmaster, Officer Tomasella 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 Chucta.

3. **Public Comment:**

Mary King, 2 Brookfield Road voiced her concerns regarding the removal of the Community Officer's position.

Mary Jezierny, 93 Walnut Street also voiced her concerns regarding the Community Officer's position

4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on March 8, 2012** Frank Conroy/Steve Chucta motion to approve the minutes. **Motion: 4:0** (James Simpson abstain)

Approval of minutes of special meeting on March 20, 2012. Steve Chucta/Frank Conroy motion to approve the minutes. **Motion: 5:0**

5. **Commissioners' Comments:** Commissioner Simpson enjoyed the K-9 demonstration at the Citizens Academy and states everyone did a fine job.

6. **Old Business:**

6a. Report from Patrol Division – Board accepted report as handed out.

6b. Youth Division – Board accepted report as handed out. Youth Officer has been in the schools doing driving programs and internet safety classes.

6c. Det. Division – Board accepted report as handed out.

6d. Community Policing – No report.

- 6e. K-9 - Board accepted report as handed out.
- 6f. Fleet Maintenance – Board accepted report as handed out.

Union grievance # 31

A discussion took place regarding the proper seniority rank for detective and youth officer positions. John Popik/James Simpson motion Detective and Youth Officer be considered two separate ranks as per the agreement here. That being said I would also like a motion that detective be considered senior in the rank structure of the Seymour Police Department organization chart, affirming the grievance.

Motion: 4:1 (Lucy McConologue opposes due to legal classification)

Cemetery Road

John Popik/Steve Chucta motion to have the Chief of Police send a letter to the Town Engineer and have him make recommendations to Public Works to make safety corrections and then the road can be left open in the winter months. Also send a copy of that letter to Cliff Strumello. **Motion: 5:0**

Long range plan

Chief Metzler has forwarded to the First Selectman a preliminary package that includes, replacing two stalker radar units, heavy duty shredder, copy machine, inside of building painted, ESU reinstated, construction of storage for ESU vehicle, expanding parking lot and bullet proof vests.

Patrol schedule

Committee still gathering information on the 4-2 schedule. Looking at squad system being in place for a stricter chain of command.

7. New Business:

Award Nominations

Frank Conroy/John Popik motion to approve the awards as submitted by the Chief and the Award Committee. **Motion: 5:0**

2012-2013 Budget

There were some items taken out of the budget but overall the Chief says it looks good.

8. **Management Report:** Chief Metzler reports the trees behind the garages have been cut down and the generator is on schedule to be fixed-these items will be paid for through FEMA money. Community Officer will be put back into patrol, over time is still high and income is doing well.
9. **Correspondence:** Letter has been sent to Seymour Oxford Rotary nominating Officer Desiderato as Officer of the Year.
10. **Other Business** Discussion took place regarding the updating of the Duty Manual. James Simpson/John Popik motion to have the Chief spearhead a committee to look over the Duty Manual and remove redundancies and items that do not exist anymore and have a progress report to the Board by the June 2012 meeting. **Motion: 5:0**
11. **ADJOURNMENT** Steve Chucta/Frank Conroy motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary