

# SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

**Members present:** Lucy McConologue, Steve Chucta, James Simpson, Frank Conroy and John Popik. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, LT. Satkowski, First Selectman Kurt Miller, Sgt. Parratt, Sgt. Dantona, David Keyser, Attorney Hillis, Attorney Holcomb, other members of the department, the public 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:** David Keyser from the Seymour Housing Authority thanks the officers involved in locating a resident who had not returned home.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on December 8, 2011**  
Frank Conroy/Steve Chucta motion to approve the minutes. **Motion: 5:0**
5. John Popik/Frank Conroy motion to go into executive session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss a complaint against the Chief. In attendance: the Board, Chief Metzler, Attorney Hillis and Attorney Holcomb. **Motion: 4:1** (James Simpson opposes stating that going into executive session might not be appropriate at this time)

Chief Metzler and Attorney Hillis come out of executive session at 7:25 p.m.

Frank Conroy/Steve Chucta motion to come out of executive session at 8:00 p.m.  
**Motion: 5:0** No votes or motions taken.

John Popik/Steve Chucta motion that Chief Metzler used poor judgment on an incident which occurred on December 16<sup>th</sup> and therefore order the Chief to forfeit two vacation days and within five business days the Chief will send a letter of apology to the Seymour Police Union Local 564. **Motion: 5:0**

6. **Commissioners' Comments:** None.

7. **Old Business:**

7a. Report from Patrol Division – Board accepted report as handed out. A new state policy update was handed out regarding eyewitness identification.

7b. Youth Division – Board accepted report as handed out. Internet safety classes have started at the Middle School.

7c. Det. Division – Board accepted report as handed out. LT. Satkowski thanks all officers and detectives involved in apprehending a burglary suspect who is a suspect in 4-5 burglaries in Seymour along with surrounding towns.

John Popik/Steve Chucta motion to thank and congratulate the officers involved in the burglary case, they did an outstanding job. **Motion: 5:0**

7d. Community Policing – Board accepted report as handed out. Toy drive was a success and citizen police academy has started.

7e. K-9 - Board accepted report as handed out.

7f. Fleet Maintenance – Board accepted report as handed out.

Union Grievances 29 and 30- James Simpson/John Popik motion to pay the four hours according to collective bargaining unit. **Motion: 5:0**

Union Grievance 31- John Popik/Frank Conroy motion to table this particular item until research can be done on past minutes with the approval of the Union Vice President.  
**Motion: 5:0**

Union grievances 11 through 26 have already been acted upon by the BOPC.

On the collect system, the department is trying out Net Motion to eliminate CROG.

The Duty Manual will be reviewed at the March meeting with take action at the April meeting.

**8. New Business:**

One member of the BOPC, one member from the Administration and one member of the Union will form a committee to set a procedure in place regarding internal complaints. John Popik will represent the Board of Police Commissioners and will meet with the other two members to have an action plan ready for the next meeting.

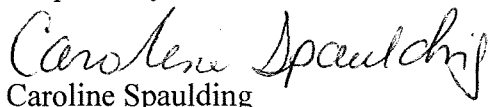
James Simpson will be on the budget committee.

9. **Management Report:** Chief Metzler reports that income is doing very well, over time is still high, one officer that has been out on workman's comp will be returning to work on January 18, 2012, will request a transfer of funds from line 110 to 130, First Selectman would like a five year strategic plan that needs to be done by April 1<sup>st</sup> - John Popik and Frank Conroy will work with the Chief to get this plan completed, no parking signs will be posted by Bungay and Chatfield Schools due to a line of sight issue and Region 2 Incident Management Team will do a table top exercise in Seymour in October for active shooter.

**10. Correspondence:** None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** Steve Chucta/John Popik motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.  
**Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Caroline Spaulding  
Recording Secretary