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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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, Sgt. Dantona, Det. Nihill, Bailey Cook, Deputy First Selectwoman Nicole Klarides-Ditria and the press.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:02 p.m. by Chairwoman McConologue.
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Commissioner Chucta.
3. **Public Comment:** Sgt. Dantona spoke on an issue the Union is having regarding the times for the DUI grant. The 8 hour time blocks will not allow everyone to participate. Commissioner Simpson feels that 4 hour time blocks will give more officers the ability to work and supports the 4 hour time block to keep the public safe. The grant should be kept the same as it has in past years.
This item will be placed on the agenda under new business for discussion.

Scott NiHill, in regards to an item on the agenda, would like to know what vacancy is there for the Det. Sgt. position? Chairwoman McConologue states that it is only a possible vacancy and we are moving forward with interviews. At this particular time, under state mandate, this individual is due to retire March 8, 2013 and the only way this vacancy is not permitted is if an extension is granted through the Board of Selectman.

4. **Approval of minutes of special meeting on October 4, 2012**
Frank Conroy/Steve Chucta motion to accept the minutes **Motion: 5:0**
Approval of minutes of regular meeting on October 11, 2012
Steve Chucta/John Popik motion to accept the minutes **Motion: 5:0**
Approval of minutes of special meeting on October 24, 2012
Frank Conroy/James Simpson motion to accept the minutes **Motion: 5:0**
5. **Commissioner's Comments:** Chairwoman McConologue states that K-9 Officer Havoc has retired and he will be attending the next meeting.

6. Old Business:

- 6a. Report from Patrol Division – Board accepted report as handed out. LT. Satkowski reports that 2 new cars are in service, pink road race and chili fest went well as did the Trick or Trunk, 2 fatal motor vehicle accidents in town, DWI grant has been submitted, 2 new recruits are in the FTO program and LT. Satkowski thanks all the officers for an outstanding job with Hurricane Sandy.

Commissioner Simpson feels that some of the motor vehicle activity by the officers is terrible, that more should be done to make stops and that motor vehicle activity is very important.

LT. Satkowski states that there have been some days lost in the month due to Hurricane Sandy, training and the fatal accidents but he has spoken with the Sergeants on the motor vehicle activity.

Sgt. Dantona states that motor vehicle stops are harder to do on midnights as there is not that much traffic in town and he feels the officers are doing a good job of being visible.

- 6b. Youth Division – Board accepted report as handed out.

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

- 6d. K-9 – Board accepted report as handed out. Raider might get cross trained. The Board requests the Chief to look at the cost factor for getting another dog, see what the level of interest is in a handler from the department and look at the availability of personnel with training being 13 weeks long. Deptut First Selectwoman Nicole Klarides-Ditria suggest looking into grants such as the Matthies Foundation for another dog. LT. Satkowski commends Officer Romgana and K-9 Havoc for all their years of service.

- 6e. Fleet Maintenance – Board accepted reports as handed out. Sgt. Dantona now oversees the vehicle maintenance and 3rd new vehicle is going out to have equipment installed.

Duty Manual- Board accepted the section that was handed out.

Executive Session: John Popik/Frank Conroy motion to go into executive sessions at 7:45 p.m. to interview candidates for Det. Sgt. impending vacancy. In attendance: The Board, Chief Metzler and LT. Satkowski. **Motion: 5:0**

Chief Metzler and LT. Satkowski come out of executive session at 7:47 p.m.
Chief Metzler and LT. Satkowski go back into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Candidate one goes into executive session at 8:20 p.m. and comes out at 8:50 p.m.
Candidate two goes into executive session at 8:55 p.m. and comes out at 9:15 p.m.
Candidate three goes into executive session at 9:20 p.m. and comes out at 9:33 p.m.

Frank Conroy/Steve Chucta motion to come out of executive session at 9:45 p.m. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 5:0**

At this time, no action will be taken on the vacancy and Chairwoman McConologue thanks the candidates for their time.

7. New Business:

James Simpson/John Popik motion to add to the agenda discussion on the DUI grant.

Motion: 5:0

Chief Metzler states that the 4 hr time blocks were only giving the department 2 hrs worth of work at best where an 8 hr time block will get 6 hrs worth of work.

Commissioner Popik states that the supervisors should be responsible for getting the officers out on the special assignments in a timely fashion. He believes that the time blocks should be 4 hrs to give all officers a chance to work as these grants are a potential to save lives.

Commissioner Simpson states that pressure should be put on the supervisors to get patrol to perform.

Chief Metzler states that he will give the 4hr time block a try through Christmas, if this does not work than it will be the 8 hr time block.

Frank Conroy/John Popik motion to approve the 2013 calendar dates. **Motion: 5:0**

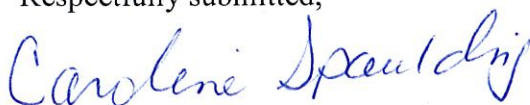
- 8. Management Report:** Income doing well, over time still worrisome, back door lock will need to be replaced again, Officer Phouangphiraith will receive commendation for saving a man's life and the only item damaged at the Police Department during Hurricane Sandy was the awning out back.

- 9. Correspondence:** Letter from Richard Kearns thanking everyone for the Trick or Trunk event.

- 10. Other Business:** None.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT** James Simpson/John Popik motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary