

**MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL-NORMA DRUMMER ROOM**

Members present: Howard Simpson, Steve Chucta, Lucy McConologue, James Simpson and Frank Conroy. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, Captain Beres, LT. Satkowski, Community Police Officer Desiderato, Youth Officer Ditria, Officer Sprandel, First Selectman Paul Roy, Det. Sgt. Goodmaster, other members of the department, the public and the press.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Simpson
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Frank Conroy.
3. **Public Comment:** Officer Sprandel thanked everyone who donated money to the ESU Helmet Drive on Saturday, January 16, 2010 for a local family whose child has congenital heart disease. The ESU raised \$ 2,500.00.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting December 17, 2009**
Steve Chucta/Frank Conroy to approve the minutes. **Motion: 5:0**
5. **Commissioners' Comments:** Commissioner McConologue thanked the police officers for being involved in the community.
6. **Old Business:**
 - 6a) Report from Patrol Division – Board accepted report has handed out although they would like to see a break down of activity by badge number.
 - 6b. Youth Division – Board accepted report has handed out although they would like more information on the monthly activity.

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- 6b. Community Policing – Board accepted report has handed out. They would like to see future benchmarks-such as where does the Community Policing see itself in the future. Officer Desiderato spoke about a few programs in the works such as a implementing block watches and a program at the Middle School for “sexting”. Chairman Simpson wanted to know the status of the GPS system. Officer Desiderato has a few more quotes coming in-once all information is gathered he would like to sit down with the Board and the Chief to discuss the options available.
- 6c. Det. Division –Board accepted report has handed out. Det. Sgt. Goodmaster stated there have been 25 new cases and 3 arrest warrants pending for larcenies.
- 6d. K-9 - Board accepted report has handed out. Chairman Simpson announced that the Board of Education has given the okay to have the K9 go into the schools. Chief Metzler to set a date.

7. New Business: Commissioner Conroy questioned accumulated comp time for Chief Metzler. A discussion took place about how the time was accumulated and how would the time be taken. Chief Metzler refused to answer questions and requested executive session. The Board stated they will be seeking legal advice from the Town Attorney. First Selectman Paul Roy will also be looking into the issue as far as what is comp time for and how is comp time used, due to the fact, there are Town Hall employees who have used or will be using comp time. The issue will be re-addressed in the near future.

A discussion took place regarding the up coming budget. Members of the Board recently had a meeting with Chief Metzler and were able to cut \$ 101,000.00 from the proposed budget. James Simpson/Frank Conroy motion to accept the budget as presented, of \$ 3,706,298.00, for the new fiscal year. **Motion: 5:0**

8. Management Report: Chief Metzler reports the cameras are just about ready to go and should be fully operational by March, budget doing well, however, there is concern in the maintenance and repairs line item-Chief Metzler stated he would request a transfer of the check received from the Housing Authority into the maintenance and repair line item and Officer Jasmin past his physical exam, psychological and polygraph and is currently waiting to hear from POST regarding his comparative transfer credits.

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9. Correspondence: Letter received from retired Detective Bailey Cook requesting he be issued his retirement credentials and badge. Frank Conroy/James Simpson motion to have Det. Cook be issued his retirement credentials. **Motion: 5:0**

10. Other Business: Commissioner Simpson would like to request adding another Sergeant and Detective to the department. A discussion took place and Board members feel that another Sergeant would not be feasible at this time, however, another detective will be reviewed.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION: Steve Chucta/Frank Conroy to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion: 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary