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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: Robert Koskelowski, William Paecht, Lucy McConologue and Frank Conroy. (David Bitso absent) Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, Deputy Chief Satkowski, Inspector DeNigris, Officer J. Martin, Officer Butler, Officer Harkins, Officer Adames and the press.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Koskelowski
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Chairman Koskelowski

A moment of silence was held for all fallen officers

3. **Public Comment:** Phillip Wilhelmy, Chairman of the Seymour Town Democratic Committee, would like to do something proactive for the department, whether it be working towards equipment, training or education. We would like to do something as soon as possible and will be corresponding with the department.

Officer Jonathan Martin, President of the Police Union- The grievance filed has been resolved and spoke on the benefit of having a third dog for the department. Over time is not every day, K-9 care per year is \$ 5,000, however, fundraising done to support the program so there would be no financial burden, there is a car in the fleet that could be used as a K-9 car, third dog justified as officer safety, dog on every shift reduces over time, there is enough work load for a third dog, public safety is paramount and the Board has expressed their love for the K-9 program.

4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on June 15, 2016**
Lucy McConologue/William Paecht motion to accept the minutes.
Motion: 2:2 (Robert Koskelowski and Frank Conroy abstain)

5. Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner McConologue would like to see proper training for all officers in light of the recent events.

Deputy Chief Satkowski stated that firearms training exposes the officers to various situations and that he met with all shifts to discuss the recent events.

Commissioner Conroy stated that there can never be enough training and also a back up officer on a call.

Chief Metzler stated that the State and POST have new mandated training upcoming, more protective equipment has been made available and that the numbers right now do not support a third dog.

Chairman Koskelowski would like the department to look into having two men in the car, that he supports a third dog but not right now, maybe after K-9 Zoar is trained the department can re-evaluate the third dog, when the need is there we will take a look at the K-9 situation and impressed by the number of drug arrests done by Officer Butler.

Commissioner Conroy stated that Officer Butler has done an outstanding job with the drug arrests, wanted to know if the dog ever gets burnt out and maybe a Commander or Sergeant can do ride along as the second man in the vehicle.

Commissioner Paecht regarding the comments made about the Board agreeing to a third dog, he is not aware about that but does remember the Board discussing the issue, the commissioners agreed that there was not enough need for a third dog and that the Chief and Deputy Chief would evaluate the issue and let us know if or when a third dog would be necessary.

6. Old Business:

Chairman Koskelowski stated that at last month's meeting, as part of the motion for the overnight parking downtown, it was said that Public Works and First Selectman's office would set the hours. Why would Public Works and Selectman's office need to make the hours for the overnight parking if we are in charge of the parking, why can't we just set the hours? It's been a month now and we have not heard from those offices regarding the hours so let us set the hours to be Sunday night to Thursday night 12 to 5 and Friday and Saturday nights 1 to 5.

Commissioner McConologue believes one of the reasons we included public works was for the winter time snow removal.

Chief Metzler will contact both offices to get the hours and days regarding the parking.

6a) Patrol reports: Board accepts the reports.

6b) Detective report: Board accepts the report. Inspector DeNigris stated that there have been a string of commercial burglaries.

6c) SRO report & Community Police: No SRO report as school is out. Board accepts the Community Police report.

6d) K-9 reports: Board accepts the reports.

6e) Car Report: Board accepts the report. A few minor issues with some older cars.

7. New Business:

Chairman Koskelowski wanted to know why public works is not painting stop bars on the roads or witting the word STOP on the roads, especially at intersections. He attended a Public Works meeting and was informed that it was not in the contract. First Selectman stated it would need to be in writing.

Deputy Chief Satkowski stated that, although public works will do some of the painting, the Town is getting bids from A&J, the company that did a lot of the road paving to paint the stop bars.

Chief Metzler stated another issue that has been addressed in regards to road safety is that any time public works is doing work in the roads, an officer will be on scene if needed.

Frank Conroy/Lucy McConologue motion to send a letter to public works department stating that they need to start painting stop bars and the word STOP. **Motion: 4:0**

8. Management Report: Chief Metzler reports that the second quarter report has been given out, the budget looks good and the youth academy has thirty eight children.

Deputy Chief Satkowski talked about the joint effort between the fire department and the police department to purchase a boat. Training is in process for police personnel.

9. Correspondence: None.

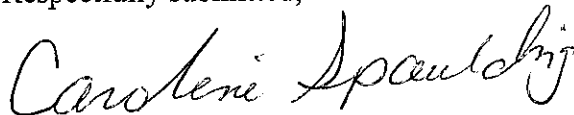
10. Other Business: Smoke in the Valley will be moving to Katherine Matthies Field this year and a carnival taking place at the Community Center.

Commissioner Conroy would like the department to send representation to the Mental Health First Aid meeting and maybe a meeting could be held at the department.

11. Public Comment: None.

12. ADJOURNMENT William Paecht/Frank Conroy motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. **Motion: 4:0**

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary