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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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

Michael Kearney, 72 Mountain Road, spoke on an incident that he was involved in with some of the officers. He is requesting an executive session be placed on next month's agenda to speak to the Board about this case.

Joseph Sopko, 16 Bank Street, Apt 36, spoke on the overnight downtown parking ban. He feels the ban should not be implemented until the building on Columbus Street is complete. Also, that the residents who live at 16 Bank Street, as they are elderly, should have reasonable parking. Would like to know what the town is doing to accommodate the residents. Is very concerned for his health and the health of others that live at 16 Bank Street. Fair Housing Act states that reasonable accommodations must be made. The town allowed Migani to put this building up and now the tenants are in trouble.

4. **Union Business:** Officer J. Martin, President of the local Police Union stated that the administration did an outstanding job addressing some of the union concerns and they are working together to address more.
5. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on August 17, 2016**
Frank Conroy/William Paecht motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 4:0**
6. **Commissioner's Comments:** None.

7. Old Business:

7a) Patrol reports: Board accepts the reports.

7b) Detective report: Board accepts the report.

7c) SRO report & Community Police: No SRO report as school only had a few days in August. Board accepts the CP report.

7d) K-9 reports: Board accepts the reports. K-9 officer injured while training will be out until Friday, September 23, 2016.

7e) Car Report: Board accepts the report. One of the cars was involved in an accident with a deer.

William Paecht/David Bisto motion to go back to SRO report as the officer is in the meeting.

Motion: 4:0

SRO reports that the school year has been busy with a few fights and some arrests.

8. New Business:

Commissioner Bitso would like to know how does the town keep track of out of state vehicles driven by residents, how does that get addressed. Chairman Koskelowski states the Assessor should be notified. Commissioner Conroy feels that if there are a lot of Florida plates, they might be part time residents in Connecticut as well.

Chief Metzler states that the Seymour Community Emergency Service is having a forum at the middle school on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm.

9. Management Report: Chief Metzler reports the budget, over time and income are all doing well. Rifles are in the process of being ordered, still waiting for pistol holsters to come in, Trick or Trunk to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 and the Chief requests the Board to authorize \$ 1,000 out of the Community Fund to fund the event and a survey was handed out to all department personnel to receive feedback as to what can be done to better the department.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to place on the table the Trick or Trunk event. **Motion: 4:0**

David Bitso/William Paecht motion to take out \$ 1,000 dollars from the Community Fund to buy supplies, candy etc for the Trick or Trunk. **Motion: 4:0.**

10. Update on Bullet Proof Vests: Deputy Chief Satkowski reports that the vendor came in and measured the officers who need new vests and the vests should be in the next week or so.

11. Correspondence:

- High Rock Shooting Association presented the department with a plaque.
- Letter to both the Democratic and Republican Town Committees was sent out.
- Letter to First Selectman regarding the overnight downtown parking ban and street speed limit signs.
- Letter regarding the re-assignment of some duties for the Deputy Chief and Inspector.
- Survey letter went out to all department personnel.

Frank Conroy/David Bitso motion to place on the table a request to have an executive session with Michael Kearney at our next meeting concerning personnel and an investigation.

Motion: 4:0

Frank Conroy/David Bitso make a recommendation to have an executive session at next month's meeting, at the request of Michael Kearney, concerning personnel and an investigation.

Motion: 4:0

David Bitso/Frank Conroy motion to place on the table overnight downtown parking.

Motion: 4:0

Commander Rinaldi gave out some paperwork referencing handicapped parking and overnight parking stipulations.

Chairman Koskelowski believes that the landlord should be responsible for providing handicapped parking for his residents and not the town.

Commissioner Bitso believes that more homework should be done on the handicapped overnight parking situation.

Commissioner Conroy and Commissioner Paecht believe that Mr. Migani should supply ample parking for his residents.

William Paecht/Frank Conroy motion to send a letter to Mr. Migani asking him to respond by the next meeting, asking him to make immediate accommodations for all his tenants that have handicapped permits. **Motion: 4:0**

David Bitso/Frank Conroy motion to delay the overnight parking ban until November 1, 2016 from October 1, 2016 **Motion: 4:0**

Also send a letter to the First Selectman to have the Town Attorney give his opinion on the handicapped overnight parking. Chief Metzler will call surrounding towns to find out their policy on overnight parking bans for handicapped residents.

12. Executive Session:

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to move executive session until the end of the meeting after number 15. **Motion: 4:0**

13. Other Business:

- Pumpkin Festival went well and the Pink Road Race and Beer and Chili Festival are up coming events.
- CPR, First Aid, AED and NARCAN training done for all officers.
- Facebook page up and running.
- Solar powered speed limit signs cost around \$ 3,000 each. Maybe one could be purchased next year though the Matthies Grant.

Chairman Koskelowski would like to state that it was improper to go into executive session at last month's meeting without first placing it on the table. All that was discussed were security issues and he won't let it happen again and he takes full responsibility.

Commissioner Bitso states that he is happy the Beer and Chili Fest was moved from downtown and hopefully it will work out well.

14. Duty Manuel Section 3.07 page 65 & 66.

This section states that the Chief of Police directs his personnel for out of state training. Town Counsel states that the Chief does have the authority to send individuals for training out of state under the Duty Manuel Section 3.07.

Chairman Koskelowski would like to know if the Board would like to change this so the Board has to approve all out of state training-not in house training-but any out of state training or out of state seminars. Do we have to amend this section to say so? Because the Board is fine with this section of the Duty Manuel-no changes will be made.

Commissioner Conroy, Commissioner Paecht and Commissioner Bitso do not want to change the duty manual, just would like to be notified when someone from the department is going out of state.

Chief Metzler would like to state that when Deputy Chief Satkowski, Inspector DeNigris and himself went to Washington DC, he thought he contacted the members of the Board but he did not and apologizes for that error.

15. Public Comment:

Joseph Sopko, 16 Bank Street Apt 36, would like to state the he has spoken to the CCHRO and was told that since the Town allowed the building on Columbus Street to go up that the Town has to supply reasonable parking. Migani has no parking spots for all the handicapped people.

Chairman Koskelowski would like to place back on the agenda executive session. Does not believe executive session is needed anymore as the issue has been resolved.

Frank Conroy/David Bitso motion not to go into executive session. **Motion: 4:0**

16. ADJOURNMENT William Paecht/Frank Conroy motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. **Motion: 4:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary