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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: Robert Koskelowski, William Paecht, Lucy McConologue, Frank Conroy and Dave Bitso. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, Deputy Chief Satkowski, Inspector DeNigris, Officer Oczkowski, Officer J. Martin, Cmdr Rinaldi, 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 Bitso
3. **Public Comment:** Michael and Barbara Kearney, 72 Mountain Road, wanted to reiterate that they want a meeting with the Board in regards to a complaint filed in 2016 as they feel that the Board only heard one side of the story.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on April 19, 2017**
William Paechet/David Bitso motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 5:0**
5. **Commissioner's Comments:**

Chairman Koskelowski wanted to make clear that he could not comment on public comment to discuss the issue with Mr. Kearney, but would like to tell the Board, that at no time did he know what officers were involved. There was an internal investigation done along with an outside department investigation, which was finalized that nothing was inappropriate by any officer.

6. **Old Business:**

6a) **Patrol reports:** Board accepts the reports.

Commissioner Conroy questioned the motor vehicle activity on third shift as he feels the stops are low, what are the supervisors doing to rectify the issue, is not always looking for an arrest but to show that the department is out there.

Commissioner Bitso states the third shift is the most quite and if someone is not doing anything wrong, then you can't pull them over.

Inspector DeNigris states the third shift had two officers that were out and one on special assignment but will speak to the commander about the issue.

Chairman Koskelowski has the same concerns regarding the stops and feels that there should be one car with two officers in it for third shift.

6b) Detective report: Board accepts the report.

6c) SRO report & Community Police: Board accepts the SRO and CP report. SRO has been busy in the schools with various programs and issued a few infractions and summons.

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

6e) Car Report: Board accepts the report.

7. New Business: Chief Metzler states there are three officer positions empty-two retirements and one resignation. There are four applicants from another department looking to transfer to Seymour.

Lucy McConologue/David Bisto motion to empower the Chief, Deputy Chief and Inspector to interview potential candidates and come back to the Board with their recommendations. **Motion: 5:0**

8. Management Report: Chief Metzler reports that income is good, over time taking a hit, budget still in good shape and a \$ 300.00 donation from Jimmy's Restaurant to be put into the K9 fund.

9. Correspondence: Letter from Detective Romagna announcing his retirement.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to place on the table the retirement of Detective Romagna. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to accept the retirement of Detective Romagna **Motion: 5:0**

10. Other Business: Deputy Chief Satkowski reports that the second round of ballistic vests will be ordered by Friday the 19th, four interns completed their hours, a new intern, Isabella, will be interning for the next few weeks, Citizen Academy wrapped up with another successful year and the Junior Police Academy is coming up in July.

11. Union Business: Officer J. Martin thanked the Deputy Chief for the vests.

12. Public Comment: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT William Paecht/David Bitso motion to adjourn the meeting
at 8:07 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary