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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: Robert Koskelowski, David Bitso, Frank Conroy, William Paecht and Lucy McConologue. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, Deputy Chief Satkowski, Inspector DeNigris, Cmdr Rinaldi, Officer Oczkowski, Sgt. Fappiano, Officer Jasmin and Det. Matusovich.

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:** None.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on January 17, 2018:**
William Paecht/David Bisto motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 5:0**
5. **Commissioners Comments:**
Commissioner Paecht stated that the parks will be open again on April 1, 2018 and would like patrol to monitor.
Commissioner McConologue stated the skate park has been very active and would like patrol to monitor especially at dusk.
6. **Old Business:**
 - 6a) **Patrol reports:** Board accepts the reports.
 - 6b) **Detective report:** Board accepts the report.
 - 6c) **SRO report & Community Police:** Board accepts the reports.
Chairman Koskelowski SRO will not be pulled out of schools, ever, and states that a joint meeting should be held with the Board of Education to discuss what funding is available for school security, he would like to see an SRO in every school.
Commissioner Paecht states the Board of Selectman needs a short and long term goal regarding the schools and should be at the joint meeting.
Commissioner McConologue states that the joint meeting should include all three Boards and see what we plan to do.

Commissioner Bitso is impressed with the security at the schools from the start of school to the end of school, but what about prior to school and end of school when doors are open.

Inspector DeNigris there are a lot of challenges that we are up against however starting with an officer in the school is the best way as the officer can build a repore with the students.

Commissioner McConologue states that people are pleased with the presence of a police car around the schools and maybe one could be there at the start of school and the end of school as just the presence alone may deter someone.

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

6e) Car Report: Board accepts the report.

7. New Business: Deputy Chief Satkowski handed out a draft drone policy for the Board to review.

8. Management Report: Chief reports that over time and heating are starting to take a hit, five officers out and evaluating the possibility of pulling people from certain positions, the three recruits in the academy are doing well and income doing well.

9. Correspondence: William Paecht/David Bitso motion to accept the retirement letter from Detective Nihill. **Motion: 5:0**

10. Other Business:

Chairman Koskelowski regarding the open position in the Detective Bureau and with the department being down officers, management will have to let us know if the current detectives can handle the workload.

Chief Metzler states that at this time the department does not have the manpower to fill the position.

Inspector DeNigris states that the Detective Bureau can use the manpower but maybe wait a few months, does not want to see the department go backwards after years of getting to the level we are at.'

Commissioner Bitso would like to see the position filled but understands the short term issue.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to schedule a special meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.to review the applicants for the Chief of Police position.

Motion: 5:0

Inspector DeNigris states the Citizen Academy is starting in March and the free NARCAN training seminar hosted fifty people.

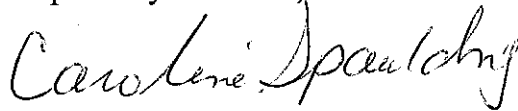
11. Union Business: None.

12. Public Comment: None

13. Commissioner Comments: None.

14. ADJOURNMENT William Paecht/David Bisto motion to adjourn the meeting
at 8:03 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Spaulding". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary