



# SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Members present:** Robert Koskelowski, William Paecht, David Bitso, Lucy McConologue and Frank Conroy. Also in attendance: Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Prajer, Deputy Chief Rinaldi, Union President Officer Oczkowski, Sgt. Parratt, Detective Matusovich, Sgt. Fappiano, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Ann Marie Drugonis, Alex Danko and the public.

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

**Nancy Martin**, 38 Columbus Street, wanted an update on the parking situation near the building.

**Deputy Chief Prajer** reports the parking has been removed from the east side of the street with parallel parking only on the west side. Per town engineer, no additional handicapped parking is in the plans-if you have a handicapped permit, it is first come first serve.

**Chairman Koskelowski** would like the Chief to speak with town engineer to see if more handicapped parking spaces can be made available.

**Jack Micknack**, 491 Rimmon Hill Road, Beacon Falls, is disputing a parking ticket he received in the downtown area-Deputy Chief Prajer will handle this.

4. **Approval of minutes of special meeting on September 13, 2018:**  
William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 4:1**  
(Frank Conroy abstain)  
**Approval of minutes of regular meeting on September 19, 2018:**  
William Paecht/David Bitso motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 3:2** (Frank Conroy and Lucy McConologue abstain)
5. **Commissioners Comments:** David Bitso was happy to see the Pink Race was much more organized this year and thanked all involved.

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**6. Old Business:**

- 6a) Patrol reports:** Board accepts the reports. Deputy Chief Prajer states the officers are doing a good job with investigations, opioid crises is an issue, larceny from motor vehicles still on going, multiple drug arrests, SRO's doing a great job working with school security and supervisors are doing a great job despite being down manpower.
- 6b) Detective report:** Board accepts the report. Deputy Chief Rinaldi states the bureau is busy and there have been multiple car breakins.
- 6c) K-9 reports:** Board accepts the reports. Officer Oczkowski reports that a donation of \$ 6,500 came in to purchase a portable radio and Wildflowers gave a \$ 675.00 donation.
- 6d) SRO reports:** Board accepts the reports
- 6e) Car Report:** Board accepts the report. Three new cars delivered with one going to be outfitted.

**7. New Business:**

**Mr. Love**, 192 Pearl Street, handed in a letter allowing the department to put the radar trailer on his property. He states that Pearl Street has become such a major thruway that speeding is an issue. Would like to see more speed limit signs posted or have the Board come up with a solution to slow traffic down.

**Alex Danko**, 203 Pearl Street, states that there is no good line of sight when pulling out of Stoddard onto Pearl. Also feels that traffic needs to slow down.

**Commissioner Bitso** suggests putting in speed bumps.

**Chairman Koskelowski** would like the Chief to send a letter to DPW regarding installing more speed limit signs and maybe stop signs by Grand and Stoddard streets. Also use the time mark to study the speed in the area.

**Executive Session:** David Bitso/William Paecht motion to go into executive session at 7:46 p.m. to interview candidate for supernumerary position. In attendance: The Board, Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Rinaldi and Deputy Chief Prajer. **Motion: 5:0**

Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Rinaldi and Deputy Chief Prajer come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. and candidate goes in.

David Bisto/Lucy McConologue motion to come out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to offer a conditional offer of employment with the Seymour Police Department to Steve Rupsis based on passing all the POST required tests and to start immediately after qualifying. **Motion: 5:0** Steve Rupsis accepts.

8. **Management Report:** Chief Satkowski states the two new recruits started the academy, Commander and Sergeant testing process completed, down five officers, parking attendants last day on the job is November 1, 2018, approved for a Click It or Ticket It grant, budget looks okay expect overtime is high, the department will be participating in the No Shave November, Trick or Trunk is Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Food Drive is Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and the Toy Drive Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

9. **Correspondence:**

Letter from Glenn Zielinski thanking Detective Anderson for his help.

Thank you note from the Special Olympics.

Letter to DPW asking them to paint the "STOP AHEAD" notice on the roads.

Letter from Officer Harkins stating he is retiring with his last day being October 18, 2018.

David Bitso/Lucy McConologue motion to accept Officer Harkins retirement. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to put on the table a donation to No Shave November. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to donate \$ 1,000.00 to No Shave November. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to put on the table a donation to the Food Drive. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to donate \$ 250.00 to the Food Drive. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to put on the table a donation to Trick or Trunk. **Motion: 5:0**

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10. **Other Business:** Deputy Chief Rinaldi states the Seymour Pink 5K race went well, Smoke in the Valley went well except for some food trucks digging up the field, Trick or Treat downtown Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup> is the Veterans Ceremony at Broad and River Street, Christmas Parade is Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and firearms and CPR and First Aid training upcoming.

Frank Conroy and his wife have been named Grand Marshall of the Seymour Christmas parade

**11. Commissioner Comments:** None.

**12. Union Business:** None.

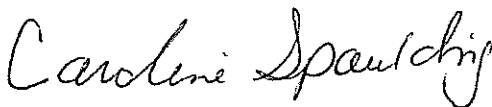
**13. Public Comment:** Chairman Koskelowski congratulates all who took the Commander and Sergeants tests.

**Executive Session:** William Paecht/David Bitso motion to go into executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss strategy and personnel. In attendance: The Board, Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Rinaldi and Deputy Chief Prajer. **Motion 5:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to come out of executive session at 10:40 p.m. No votes or motion taken. **Motion: 5:0**

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** William Paecht/David Bitso motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Spaulding".

Caroline Spaulding  
Recording Secretary