



# SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019 6:45 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Members present:** Robert Koskelowski, Lucy McConologue, William Paecht, David Bitso and Colleen Fries. Also in attendance: Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Prajer, Deputy Chief Rinaldi, Sgt. Parratt, Officer Pinto, Sgt. J. Martin, Cmdr. Scharf, Officer Oczkowski, Officer Tomasella, Officer Scheithe, Officer Butler, Officer Phouangphiarith, Det. Ditria, Det. Matusovich, Officer T. Martin, Alex Danka, Robert Love, press and public

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Koskelowski
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Chairman Koskelowski
3. **Public Comment:** K-9 Officer Oczkowski thanked the family of Paul Sanford, who, in his will stated that a donation would be made to the Seymour Police K-9 unit. The donation allowed the purchase of a portable radio.

**Allison Brett**, Stanley Drive, would like to see SRO back in the high school as the need is there and not at the elementary schools.

4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on March 20, 2019:**  
William Paecht/David Bitso motion to accept the minutes. **Motion:** 4:1 Colleen Fries abstain

**Moment of silence held for Retired Police Officer James Martin who has passed on**

5. **Commissioners Comments:** None.

6. **Old Business:**

**Robert Love and Alex Danka**-both spoke on the speeding issue that remains on Pearl Street, both have seen patrol cars in the area doing radar, maybe place Slow Down signs, hard to get out of Stoddard Street-maybe a stop sign at Walnut and Pearl.

**Chairman Koskelowski**-has seen patrol cars also, still waiting for DPW to paint center lines and stop bars, maybe make Stoddard a one way street.

**Deputy Chief Prajer**-another traffic study is currently being done on Pearl.

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**Modify Light Duty Motion:**

**Chief Satkowski**-at the last meeting the motion for light duty should say “for off duty related injuries” as the contract has language for on duty related injuries through workman’s comp.

**Chairman Koskelowski**-the contract doesn’t specify on duty or off duty related injuries-light duty may apply, that’s what the First Selectman is using and I don’t think we have to modify-it is very clear that light duty is for on and off duty injuries, so we will just keep it that way.

**Update on survey:**

Commissioner McConologue states that a draft was given to the Board to review and will be discussed at the next meeting.

**6a) Patrol reports:** Board accepts the reports. Two new recruits doing well.

**6b) Detective report:** Board accepts the report.

**6c) K-9 reports:** Board accepts the reports.

**Chairman Koskelowski**-why is the dog usage down from previous months, motor vehicle searches are down, we are spending money to send them to training and not using them, I’m upset because of the lack of using the dogs. Suggest we set up a meeting with all parties involved.

**Chief Satkowski**-K-9 calls vary each month, doesn’t feel that comp time should be given each time K-9 is called out-either way costs overtime so I would rather pay the over time, there is supervisor discretion, calls are also officer driven, officers can take action on the motor vehicle stop and a K-9 would not be needed, they are being used when available.

**Deputy Chief Prajer**-motor vehicle stops are driven by case law and can only prolong a vehicle stop for so long, we haven’t changed the way we operate, if the K-9 is available we encourage the K-9 being used, we can’t control the call volume or how many drugs we take, the officers are very active in the realm of narcotics when searching a vehicle.

**Officer Oczkowski**-I can explain more on what is going on-the Chief gave his side.

**6d) SRO reports:** Board accepts the reports.

**Chairman Koskelowski** would like to see SRO at high school. Mr. Kearns does not have the authority to arrest anyone, what happened to the Board of Education and the Town setting aside monies?

**Chief Satkowski**-there has been positive feedback regarding the SRO’s and the Board of Education never budgeted any money for the program.

**Commissioner McConologue**-there is a greater need at the high school, place full time SRO and have patrol stop in at elementary schools.

**6e) Car Report:** Board accepts the report.

**Chief Satkowski**-the insurance money has been received regarding the police vehicle that was totaled last July and would like to use that money plus money from line item 745 to purchase another vehicle and outfit the vehicle with the necessary equipment.

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to purchase another vehicle with the insurance money and use money from line item 745 to buy the vehicle equipment. **Motion: 5:0**

**7. New Business:**

**Approve settlement agreement:** William Paecht/David Bitso motion to approve the settlement agreement as stated. **Motion: 4:1** Colleen Fries abstain.

**8. Management Report:** Chief Satkowski reports the upcoming 2019-2020 budget will be tight, current budget is doing good, building project is ongoing, thank you Deputy Chief Prajer for being the liaison for the Martin family and thanks all the offices who donated their time, recommends making a donation to a charity in the honor of Officer James Martin, recommends making a donation to the Seymour Remembers Memorial Day Parade, town wide drill for emergency personnel upcoming, CPCA training Thursday, April 18, 2019, Chief's training May 22nd-24th, 2019, monitoring Stop and Shop regarding the strike and a family on Hickory Lane Ext. would like to have a Blind Child sign posted.

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to take \$ 500.00 from the Community Fund and make a donation to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation in the honor of Officer James Martin. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to take \$ 500.00 from the Community Fund and make a donation to the Seymour Remembers Memorial Day Parade. **Motion: 4:1**  
Lucy McConologue recuses herself from the motion.

**9. Correspondence:** Letter from Valley Coins, letters from past interns thanking the department, thank you letter to Officer Deida and thank you note to the department for helping with a funeral procession.

**10. Other Business:** None.

**11. Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner McConologue** thanks patrol for keeping an eye on the Community Center and Skate Park.

**Commissioner Paecht** states that the parks are open.

**Commissioner Fries** is looking forward to working with the Board and is filling some big shoes.

**Chairman Koskelowski** states the Commissioner Conroy and his wife are having some struggles.

**12. Union Business:** Union President Officer Oczkowski is hoping to get the contract wrapped up soon.

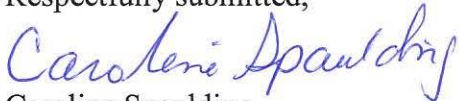
**13. Public Comment:** None.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss two personnel issues, two legal issues and school security. In attendance: The Board, Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Prajer and Deputy Chief Rinaldi. **Motion: 5:0**

David Bitso/William Paecht motion to come out of executive session at 8:47 p.m. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 5:0**

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** William Paecht/David Bitso motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding  
Recording Secretary