



# SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 6:30 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, Cmdr. Parratt, Sgt. J. Martin, Officer Oczkowski, Officer Tomasella, Officer Scheithe, Officer Butler, Det. Ditria, Det. Matusovich, Officer T. Martin, Inspector DeNigris, Cmdr. Fappiano, Kyle Kelley and public.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Koskelowski
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Chairman Koskelowski

**Moment of silence held for former Police Commissioner Frank Conroy who has passed on**

**Moment of silence held for all fallen officers for Officer Appreciation Week**

3. **Public Comment:**

**Edward Musanti**, 138 Old Ansonia Road-would like the caution light be put back up on Maple Street that was taken down by the state when the road was refinished.

**Monica Figueroa**, 178 Old Ansonia Road-speeding on Maple Street an issue and taking the corner onto Old Ansonia Road too fast. Would like to have something done to slow down traffic.

**Chairman Koskelowski**-will have the Chief put in a request to the state to put the caution light back.

4. **Approval of minutes of special meeting on April 17, 2019:**  
Colleen Fries/David Bitso motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 5:0**

**Approval of minutes of regular meeting on April 17, 2019:**  
William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 5:0**

5. **Commissioners Comments:** None.

**6. Old Business:**

**Update on Survey:** Commissioner Bitso-the draft went out to all board members, no changes were given back so the surveys have been mailed out. No further action taken.

**Light Duty**

**Chairman Koskelowski**-keep as it is in the contract, sees no problem with current language-it is very clear and that's why at the last meeting we decided to just leave it the way it is, Chief and Deputy Chief Prajer were asked to be on the negotiating team for the police department-asked the First Selectman to have one board member be in negotiations and he never responded back, we approved the contract and that's not what they are doing, all boards have to approve new contract.

**Chief Satkowski**-concern was contract is pretty clear with on duty injuries but the discrepancy was with off duty injuries, the town is currently in negotiations and we were asked to submit language that might need to be changed, the First Selectman is looking to clean up that section with the Union, there are proposals on the table.

**Commissioner Bitso**-we approved the agreement at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting except minor language cleanup, will new contract come back to us for approval?

**Commissioner Paecht**-are we redoing the contract or just minor adjustments to the language?

**Commissioner McConologue**-getting to be very confusing, we should be kept aware of what is going on, for the Board it makes it difficult to do our duty if changes are being made.

**Commissioner Fries**-First Selectman is giving an update as the next board of selectman meeting-maybe one of us should be there.

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

**Commissioner Paecht**-people talking on cell phones is a serious issue, every month we give lots of verbal warnings why no tickets?

**Deputy Chief Prajer**-officer discretion, public awareness, educate the driver, there are times when officers give tickets and the officer felt it was warranted.

**6b) Detective report:** Board accepts the report. Evidence room getting cleaned up of old cases.

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

**Commissioner Bitso**-the incident on RT 67 why was the dog not called out for that? And what about the evidence that was turned in later?

**Deputy Chief Prajer**-dogs were there from the state as it was their case, the state K-9 handler stated he was not going to deploy his dog as the suspects were captured quickly, there is no evidence that the supervisor failed to do his job and call our K-9 units, our supervisors are not targeting the K-9 units, it was deemed this case belonged to the state, the policy Officer Oczkowski handed out to the Chief was a policy that should have been done last year-late summer.

**Cmdr Fappiano**-yes there was evidence turned in a day later.

**Commissioner Fries**-why were the state dogs called in and did the dogs come out?

**K-9 Officer Oczkowski**-past practice that our K-9 dogs should be called to protect our residents, took the state dogs several minutes to get there, no evidence recovered from the scene or the vehicle, plenty of cases that show we get called out even if the case starts on the highway, policy given to the Chief still waiting to have a meeting on it, certain supervisors that are in charge as to if we get called or not, I feel that we train two days a month and we should use the resources in a proper way not pick and choose, the state dogs made it to the area but never made it to the scene where the vehicle was, two months in a row that the same supervisor did this.

**Chairman Koskelowski**-my fault we haven't sat down to discuss this but we will get together to iron this out. There is going to be change with a new administration it will not be the same anymore.

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

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

**7. New Business:**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to table the grievance until the next meeting.

**Motion: 5:0**

- 8. Management Report:** Chief Satkowski reports the budget is in good shape, project out front near completion, elevator has been shut down per state inspection, youth academy upcoming in July, town wide drill Sunday, May 19, 2019, click it or ticket it will be kicking off, Cmdr. King has retired, four \$ 500.00 dollar scholarships given to four high school students pursuing a criminal justice degree, officers did a great job with Commissioner Conroy's services, would like a motion to donate to the Valley Community Foundation in the memory of Commissioner Conroy, would like a motion to donate to the Channel 3 Kids Camp and would like to send an officer to the FBI National Academy.

David Bitso/Lucy McConologue motion to place on the table FBI National Academy.

**Motion: 5:0**

Lucy McConologue/David Bitso motion to send one officer to the FBI National Academy.

**Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to send Cmdr. Michael Fappiano to the FBI National Academy. **Motion: 5:0** Cmdr. Fappiano accepts.

William Paecht/Colleen Fries motion to donate \$ 1,000 from the Community Fund to the Valley Community Foundation in the honor of Former Commissioner Frank Conroy.

**Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to donate \$ 500.00 from the Community Fund to the Channel 3 Kids Camp. **Motion: 5:0**

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9. **Correspondence:** Letter sent to First Selectman Kurt Miller in regards to Board members being on the negotiations.
10. **Other Business:** Commissioner Paecht would like discuss a stop sign being placed on Stoddard and Pearl Street.

David Bitso/Lucy McConologue motion to place this item on the table. **Motion: 5:0**

**Commissioner Paecht**-would like to put a sign up, speeding on that street, been talking about this for over a year, make Stoddard and Pearl a three way stop.

**Commissioner Fries**-would like to see the results of the traffic study.

**Deputy Chief Prajer**-over a ten day period-average speed was 32mph-average 2000 vehicles per day-essentially the same as the last study.

**Commissioner McConologue**-incline on Stoddard hard to see coming onto Pearl.

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to place a stop sign and stop bars at Stoddard and Pearl to make it a three way stop. **Motion: 5:0**

### **11. Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Bitso**-disappointed in the lack of communication regarding the contract negotiations as to what is going on and being on the Board of Police Commissioners we should be somewhat informed.

**Chairman Koskelowski**-would like to see copies of what is being negotiated.

### **13. Public Comment:**

**Edward Musanti**, 138 Old Ansonia Road-request a stop sign on Castle Lane and Old Ansonia Road as people fly right by.

**Chairman Koskelowski**-try to have patrol cover that area more.

### **12. Union Business:**

**Union President Officer Oczkowski**-A grievance was just filed with the Chief, no rebid done for supervisors, we have two Commanders on day shift and we have not done a rebid.

**Commissioner Paecht**-we haven't promoted anyone yet.

**Chairman Koskelowski**-we haven't promoted anyone yet so how could you rebid? Two commanders can't be on day shift, we have three commanders-one on each shift, if we are going to discuss the individual-he is in the audience-ask him if he wants to go into executive session with the board.

**Chief Satkowski**-we have had discussion off line.

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William Paecht/David Bitso motion to go into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the commander's position. In attendance: The Board, Chief Satkowski, Union President Officer Oczkowski and Cmdr. David Parratt. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to go into executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss school security. **Motion: 5:0**

David Bitso/Colleen Fries motion to come out of executive session at 8:09 p.m. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 5:0**

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** Lucy McConologue/Colleen Fries motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding  
Recording Secretary