



# SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019 6:30 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Members present:** Robert Koskelowski, Lucy McConologue, David Bitso, Colleen Fries and William Paecht. Also in attendance: Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Prajer, Deputy Chief Rinaldi, Officer Gallo, Sgt. Butler, Kyle Kelley, public and the press.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Koskelowski
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Chairman Koskelowski
3. **Public Comment:**  
**Kim Krause**, 164 Great Hill Road, would like a blind driveway sign posted.  
**Chairman Koskelowski** states that Great Hill Road is a state road and we can write a letter to the state requesting a sign.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on June 19, 2019:**  
Colleen Fries/David Bitso motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 4:1** William Paecht abstain  
**Approval of minutes of special meeting on June 25, 2019:**  
William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 5:0**
5. **Commissioners Comments:** None.
6. **Old Business:**

### Appoint Police Chaplain:

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to appoint Reverend Doctor Edward Hendricks as Police Chaplain to represent our department. **Motion: 5:0**

### Grievance 19-04

David Bitso/Colleen Fries motion to table this item until the next meeting as agreed upon by both the Union and Board of Police Commissioners. **Motion: 5:0**

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

6b) **Detective report:** Board accepts the report. **Deputy Chief Rinaldi**-there have been numerous car break ins and motor vehicle thefts.

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

**Chief Satkowski**-Officer Oczkowski is on vacation this week, therefore, Sergeant Butler will be teaching the K-9 class for the youth academy, ask for reconsideration to have Sergeant Butler be a K-9 handler to use our valuable resource as the dog is cross trained, there is a cost factor involved, I never told anyone that if they got promoted they would lose the dog-if that was taken from prior history then that's what they did themselves, I was not at that meeting and was never asked my input, can set limitations on mutual aid, we can do this on a trial basis-we are getting rid of a K-9 that still has 4-5 years of service left and lets use the dog to its full potential.

**Commissioner Bitso**-I thought it would be advantageous to continue on with the Sergeant having the dog but it was made clear to me that policy-written or unwritten-that this is how it has always been and will continue to be, this discussion should have been prior to the test, the dog handlers were led to believe they would have to give up their dog if they got promoted, all for letting Sergeant Butler continue with the dog until we have another person willing to train another dog.

**Commissioner McConologue**-part of the motion from the special meeting that he was to give up the dog-if you are going to do something you are going against the motion, legally speaking I would like to amend the motion.

**Commissioner Paecht**-what is the reason why Sergeant cannot use the dog? We are only here to reconsider.

**Commissioner Fries**-does this have to be considered tonight? Anything comes up where the K-9 needs to be used-the Chief can speak with the Chairman.

**Chairman Koskelowski**-on the promotion list were they told that if you get the promotion you would lose the dog, mixed feelings both ways, concerned on the financial part, I think this should be tabled to next month so we can read-pros and cons-the Chief has a good idea but have to make sure that other people who are in line to be the next dog handler don't have to be punished because now we are changing our minds after this was the policy forever. The Chief and I have already decided that Sergeant Butler will do one day training this month.

David Bitso/Colleen Fries motion to table this item until the next meeting. **Motion: 5:0**

6d) **SRO reports:** Board accepts the reports. Officer Tomasella, Officer Friedlander and Officer Dempsey (fill in) all did a great job this year-school year ended on a good note. The Board of Education will be hiring two SSO and the police department will have two SRO in the schools.

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

**7. New Business:** None.

**8. Management Report: Chief Satkowski-**2018-2019 budget is almost closed, finance report and open purchase orders report handed out, income was met, new budget was handed out, youth academy on going, Officer Devlin graduated first place in his class, Officer D. Butler and Officer Herrera have graduated the academy and are working with their FTO's, one officer involved in an off duty motorcycle accident, a minor accident with one of the department cars and Det. Scheithe started his new position.

**Deputy Chief Prajer-**at the May meeting a resident inquired about the blinking caution light on Maple and Old Ansonia Road-spoke with Beacon Falls DOT requesting a survey of the area and trim foliage from current signs, State DOT will have to do a crash study in order to have flashing sign replaced-will put in a work order to put in traffic delineators. The resident has been notified of what is going on.

**9. Correspondence:** Thank you note from one of the scholarship recipients.

**10. Other Business:** David Bitso/Colleen Fries motion to donate the fee to sponsor a foursome to the Wildcat Golf Classic and this money to come out of the Community Fund.

**Motion: 5:0**

**11. Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Fries-**the second stop sign on Pearl Street is great.

**Chairman Koskelowski-**is very pleased with the new administration, doing an outstanding job and I personally appreciate you making the Seymour Police Department look as good as it does.

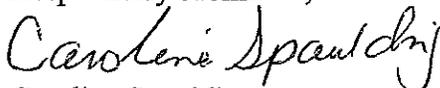
**Deputy Chief Prajer-**commends the officers for putting forth the effort-to see where we have come from to present day-the officers are doing a great job.

**12. Union Business:** None.

**13. Public Comment:** None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** David Bisto/Lucy McConologue motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding  
Recording Secretary