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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 6:30 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: Robert Koskelowski, Lucy McConologue, David Bitso, Colleen Fries and William Paecht (came in at 6:45). Also in attendance: Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Prajer, Deputy Chief Rinaldi, Sergeant Butler, Officer Tomasella, Officer Oczkowski, Inspector DeNigris, Detective Ditria, Detective Matusovich, Michael Lombardi and John Duke.

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:** None.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on August 21, 2019:**
Colleen Fries/Lucy McConologue motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 4:0**
5. **Commissioners Comments:**
Commissioner Fries-enjoyed the swearing in ceremony for the three new recruits.
Chairman Koskelowski-has the handicapped parking issue been addressed downtown?
Chief Satkowski-working collectively with the town engineer on the handicapped parking.
Deputy Chief Prajer-patrol has been monitoring the "no left turn" from Columbus Street.
6. **Old Business:**
6a) Patrol reports: Board accepts the reports. **Deputy Chief Prajer**-the State of CT is not currently installing "hidden driveway" signs and the resident at 164 Great Hill Road has been notified. **Maple Street**-The state engineer is conducting analysis-trimmed vegetation-next step is to install the sign delineators, radar trailer is out, increase in motor vehicle stops.
Chief Satkowski-three recruits finishing their FTO program and will be on their own on Friday, September 20th, great job on Patton Avenue car break in arrest and coffee with a cop a success.

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6b) Detective report: Board accepts the report.

Chairman Koskelowski-what is the status of the detective working second shift? How much more time do you think he needs? Since this detective needs to be more acclimated that we hold off till next meeting to make a final decision on what days and hours he will work but for right now have him work Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m. so we have a detective on Saturday, next month set up permanent hours.

Inspector DeNigris-feels that having a detective working 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is not productive, agrees with a detective working on Saturdays-likes the Tuesday through Saturday schedule 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., would miss meetings that are always held in the morning, try this schedule for a few months until after the new year and then reassess at that point, there is a financial impact and an investigative impact leaving the schedule 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturdays, search warrants are mostly done in the mornings, there hasn't been really any change since the last meeting, right now if we could leave him 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. even if you want him here on Saturday we still have him the other four days a week to work with him, feels like we are throwing money out the window having him work from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., if you want to extend him another month Monday through Friday but I understand the Saturday coverage he just hasn't had a lot of experience with certain cases yet.

Deputy Chief Rinaldi-feels evening shift would be better-maybe 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., always been an advocate to have a detective here after 4:00 p.m. agrees with the Tuesday through Saturday plus a Deputy Chief works Saturdays.

Chief Satkowski-we have flexibility in the schedule and we could adjust if needed should the detective have something arise, we said we would expand our coverage four days a week and then on Saturdays work 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., years ago there was a detective that worked evening shift and that was beneficial to the department-now we are back to full staffing in the detective bureau so I think we need to look at alternative hours but still have the flexibility should something come up, we have the flexibility to work together and if we need to extend for more experience I don't have a problem with that, would it be beneficial to put him on a Saturday if we are still training him?

Commissioner Fries-would appreciate this being on the next agenda as this item is new for her and she can look into it.

Commissioner Bitso-agrees with both sides.

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Colleen Fries/William Paecht motion to add to the agenda the recently appointed detective days and hours of work. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/Robert Koskelowski (steps down as Chair) motion to have that detective work schedule be Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. until the next meeting.

Discussion:

Commissioner Fries-what is the detective working now? Why are we changing it? For next month I would like to see the recommendation from the Chief, Deputy Chief and Inspector as to the best days and hours for the detective to work.

Chairman Koskelowski-he works Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. all we are doing is giving him Monday off and having him work Saturday. We will permanently set the days and hours at our next month's meeting-this is a temporary motion tonight we are just changing his day off.

Commissioner McConologue-would it be more appropriate, if we are going to place it on the agenda next month, to set the hours at that time? We are setting hours tonight and if he comes back and says this is not going to work then what are we going to do we will have to rescind the motion.

Commissioner Bitso-If the Chief and Inspector both feel strongly that we should extend the hours until the next meeting I support that decision. Can the detective get additional training on Tuesday through Saturdays? I then support Tuesday through Saturday.

Chief Satkowski-If he is ready to go on his own I don't have a problem with him working Tuesday through Saturday but if he needs more training it doesn't make sense to put him on a day by himself. If a case comes up and he hasn't been exposed to it then that's where the issue comes in for training.

Inspector DeNigris-the detective can get training Tuesday through Saturday, if we are going to discuss this next month I can sit down with the Chief and Deputy Chief. There are pro and cons to each.

Deputy Chief Rinaldi-I agree with Tuesday through Saturday, a Deputy Chief works Saturdays.

Original motion: William Paecht/Robert Koskelowski (steps down as Chair) motion to have that detective work schedule be Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. until the next meeting.

Added/changed to motion: recently appointed detective start working effective Tuesday, September 24, 2019 until the next meeting and if necessary adjust the schedule at the next meeting.

Whole motion then reads:

William Paecht/Robert Koskelowski (steps down as Chair) motion to have the recently appointed detective start working Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. effective Tuesday, September 24, 2019 until the next meeting and if necessary adjust the schedule at the next meeting. **Motion: 5:0**

6c) K-9 reports: Board accepts the reports. Officer Gallo has been chosen to be the next K-9 handler. Hoping to get into a class October 1, 2019 and the dog will cost \$ 8,500.00.

David Bitso/Colleen Fries motion to place on the table the funds for the K-9 dog.
Motion: 5:0

David Bitso/Colleen Fries motion to take out \$ 8,500.00 from the Community Fund to purchase the K-9 dog. **Motion: 5:0**

6d) SRO reports: SRO Tomasella-the students like when other officers who are out on patrol stop in to see them.

Chief Satkowski-the Board of Education has interviewed more candidates for the SSO positions-school safety and security is our top priority.

6e) Car Report: Board accepts the report. New cars are still on order-Ford had a production issue.

7. New Business: None.

8. Management Report: Chief Satkowski-budget and finances look good, received money from Statewide Narcotics, citizen academy upcoming in October, some new weapons have arrived, Dr. Hendricks had to resign as Police Chaplain due to personal issues, one officer out on long term sick leave, one officer out and hoping to be back next week, Pumpkin Festival Sunday, September 22nd and Seymour Pink 5K road race upcoming.

9. Correspondence:

Letter to Officer Murphy for her help with a motor vehicle accident.

Letter to Officer Wilcox for his help with a mailbox being destroyed.

Letter from Captain Bridge-EMS to Officer Thomas, Officer Dempsey and Officer Wilcox for their help with a cardiac arrest patient.

- 10. Other Business:** Chairman Koskelowski sent a letter to First Selectman Kurt Miller requesting again a member of the Board of Police Commissioners be present when police contract negotiations are ongoing. As of this date, no response from the First Selectman.

Chairman Koskelowski sent a FOI request to the Fire Commission concerning the letter regarding one of the police officers.

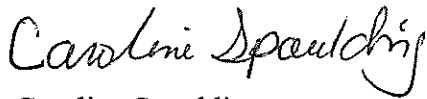
- 11. Commissioners Comments:** None

- 12. Union Business:** None.

- 13. Public Comment:** Michael Lombardi-Fire Chief-regarding the FOI complaint, to the best of my knowledge the issue in question has been resolved.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** David Bisto/Lucy McConologue motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,

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

Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary