



SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019 6:30 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: Robert Koskelowski, David Bitso, Colleen Fries and William Paecht. (Lucy McConologue absent). Also in attendance: Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Prajer, Deputy Chief Rinaldi, Officer Oczkowski, Detective Ditria, Commander Scharf, Officer Adames, Officer Gallo and K-9 Argus, Town Attorney Paula Anthony and John Duke.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 6:31 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 September 18, 2019:**
William Paecht/David Bitso motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 4:0**
5. **Commissioners Comments:**
Commissioner Bitso-was thinking there should be two Board of Police Commissioner meetings every month-but that is something we don't need to do right now.
Commissioner Fries-Thanks the officers for their help with the Seymour Pink Road Race.
Chairman Koskelowski-as public relations does the department tow cars off of private property?
Deputy Chief Rinaldi-we do not tow cars as if we do it for one we have to do it for others.
Chief Satkowski-if a motor vehicle is abandoned the owner will receive an infraction. We currently don't tow cars off private property it is the responsibility of the property owner.
6. **Old Business:**

Detective Hours

Chief Satkowski-back at the beginning of the year the Town and the Union entered into an agreement with alternative work schedule for one detective slot-we believe what was negotiated in good faith should be applied-either 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. or 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and Saturday hours can be talked about.

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Deputy Chief Rinaldi-agrees with the Chief.

Commissioner Bitso-supports the hours.

Commissioner Paecht-stay with original agreement.

Chairman Koskelowski-only way I would consider changing what we originally agreed to is if we put a Detective into Statewide, give the detective his fourteen day notice in regards to the hours.

6a) Patrol reports: Board accepts the reports.

Chairman Koskelowski-would like to see more patrol work in residential areas.

Commissioner Bitso-received positive comments on the stop signs on Pearl.

6b) Detective report: Board accepts the report. Two detectives went to Tennessee to pick up a fugitive from justice.

6c) K-9 report: Board accepts the report. Officer Gallo introduced his new K-9 partner Argus to the Board.

6d) SRO reports: Board accepts the reports. Commissioner Fries likes the idea that the SRO's have gone to school events to show support to the kids.

6e) Car Report: Board accepts the report. New vehicles to arrive late November.

7. New Business:

Christopher Bowen, would like to have signage put up for "steep incline" on Terrace Road at Brookdale Road.

Deputy Chief Prajer-agrees additional signage is necessary, town pursuing funding for additional guardrails and new signs, public works should make this a priority and put up signs.

8. Management Report: Chief Satkowski-budget looks good, purchased new K-9, Pumpkin Fest and Seymour 5K Road Race went well, trunk or treat and downtown trick or treat upcoming-the police department will donate \$1,000 dollars to the events, citizen academy was canceled due to lack of interest-will try again in the spring, officers being trained on new weapons, food drive Saturday, November 16th, MCI drill upcoming, three supervisors went to first line training, mandatory sexual harassment training upcoming in December, one officer still out on long term sick leave and one officer will be resigning and joining the FBI.

Commissioner Bitso-what is the policy regarding commercial vehicles being parked on the road overnight? Deputy Chief Prajer will check into the town ordinance regarding this.

9. Correspondence:

Letter received from Officer Michael Adames-he is resigning from the department effective Thursday, October 24, 2019 to join the FBI. The Board wishes him well.

Letter from Town Attorney regarding MTA and traffic duty as to who should direct traffic on local roads when the railroad is being worked on. This issue still not resolved.

10. Other Business: None.

11. Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Bitso-with elections upcoming if I do not get back on the Board, I want to thank everyone and it was great to get to know the Seymour Police Department.

12. Union Business: None.

13. Public Comment: None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: David Bisto/William Paecht motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. **Motion: 4:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary