



SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 6:30 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: Robert Koskelowski, David Bitso, Colleen Fries, William Paecht and Lucy McConologue. Also in attendance: Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Prajer, Deputy Chief Rinaldi, Officer Oczkowski, Det. Ditria, Cmdr. Scharf, Officer Gallo, Town Attorney, John Duke, Sgt. J. Martin, Det. Ventura, Det. Anderson, Det. Scheithe, Inspector DeNigris, Det. Matusovich, Officer Tomasella, Kyle Kelley, Brian Marino, and the public.

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 special meeting on October 22, 2019:**
William Paecht/David Bitso motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 4:1**
Lucy McConologue abstain
5. **Commissioners Comments:**
Chairman Koskelowski-congratulations to the three new members of the Board and to the three members who will no longer be serving on the Board-you made a big impact, I will personally miss you and thank you for your dedication to the police department.
6. **Old Business:**

Detective Hours

Chairman Koskelowski-at the last meeting we couldn't make a motion as it was a special meeting, the work schedule-as it was accepted by this Board and the Union-negotiated hours of work were Tuesday through Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chief Satkowski-the schedule was set at Tuesday through Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and we would be lenient with the hours on Saturday at our discretion, based on the needs of the department, management should have that flexibility.

Deputy Chief Rinaldi-agrees with the second shift.

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Commissioner Bitso-was it explicit 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday in the contract? Would favor 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Inspector DeNigris-is there flexibility with management or is this steadfast because it was voted on. If the Chief and I decide the hours should be different because it would be beneficial. I'm more concerned about being locked in at the 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and I believe we are making a mistake having a detective sit in the office until 8:00 p.m.

Colleen Fries/William Paecht motion to keep what was negotiated-12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. **Motion: 5:0**

6a) Patrol reports: Board accepts the reports.

Commissioner Fries-impressive to me how much all the officer's work and what gets done.

Chairman Koskelowski-traffic enforcement seems like it is the same roads every month.

Deputy Chief Prajer-we implemented an increase in certain areas regarding traffic enforcement.

Commissioner Bitso-can verbal warnings be tracked?

Deputy Chief Prajer-verbal warnings are tracked and if there are multiple warnings an infraction can be issued.

6b) Detective report: Board accepts the report. **Deputy Chief Rinaldi**-there have been several new sex assault and fraud cases.

6c) K-9 report: Board accepts the report. Officer Gallo continues training and there was a high school sweep.

6d) SRO reports: Board accepts the reports. Commissioner Fries hopes the SRO program continues to be funded as the officers have a good rapport with the students.

6e) Car Report: Board accepts the report. All cars that had a recall have been taken care of.

7. New Business:

2020 meeting dates

David Bitso/Colleen Fries motion to accept the 2020 meeting dates as the third Wednesday of every month starting at 6:30 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Interview possible patrol officer:

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to table this item until the end of meeting. **Motion: 5:0**

8. **Management Report: Chief Satkowski**-budget looks good, working on 2020-2021 budget, trick or treat events went well, food drive went well, MCI drill was a great learning experience, officers, SRO's, SSO's and director of school security conducted training for school staff-continue to work with BOE, mandatory sexual harassment training upcoming, click it or ticket upcoming, four officers going to use of force training, participated in Veterans Day ceremony, No Shave November, upcoming events include: toy drives, Christmas parade, first night with Santa, fireworks at Legion Pool, department Christmas party and CPCA winter dinner. One officer still on long term sick leave, Veteran Post 12084 recognized some members of the department and Det. Ventura was inducted into the Seymour High School Athletic Sports Hall of Fame.
9. **Correspondence:** Letter sent to DPW regarding signs on Brookdale Road and legal opinion received from MTA office regarding traffic control-this issues still not resolved.

10. Other Business:

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to place on the table donation for toy drive.
Motion: 5:0

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to donate \$ 500.00 to TEAM toy drive.
Motion: 5:0

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to place on the table donation for No Shave November. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to donate \$ 1,000 to No Shave November for cancer research. **Motion: 5:0**

Commissioner Bitso-when calling into police station why is there a recoding and not a live person to talk to?

Deputy Chief Prajer-there are options and prompts to help you get to the department you need.

Det. Matusovich-some of the questions that dispatch would deal with-don't necessarily have to go through dispatch. Hit zero and they will get to dispatch.

11. Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Paecht-thank you everyone for the option to serve on the board-stay safe.

Commissioner McConologue-honor to serve on the board, pleased to see the progress, wish you all well-stay safe.

Chairman Koskelowski-Please post a signup sheet for statewide position. Thanks the voters for approving the communications budget.

12. Union Business: Union President Officer Oczkowski-to the outgoing Board members-on behalf of the union members we thank you.

13. Public Comment: Chief Satkowski-to the outgoing board members thank you for your service. Welcome to the new board members, Kyle Kelley, John Duke and Tom Bennett.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to add back to the agenda interview and take possible action on patrol position. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to go into executive session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss patrol officer position. In attendance: The Board, Town Attorney and Chief Satkowski. **Motion: 5:0**

Chief Satkowski comes out of executive session at 7:40 p.m. and Brian Marino goes in. Brian Marino comes out of executive session at 7:47 p.m.

David Bitso/William Paecht motion to come out of executive session at 7:51 p.m. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 5:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to offer a conditional offer of employment with the Seymour Police Department based on passing the required tests to Brian Marino. **Motion: 5:0**
Brian Marino accepts.

14. ADJOURNMENT: William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary