

MINUTES  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
May 13, 2019

PRESENT: Secretary Ed Tessman, Commissioners Lynn Hidek, Rob Derry and Dom Morelli

Absent: Chairman Peter Niles

Also present: Chief DeMaio, Captain Flynn and Captain Jakober

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Awareness: Comments from the Public:

J. McConville:

- Opposed to the one-way street proposal for the triangular portion of Commerce and Grove Streets
- He is working on an agreement to allow Lobster Landing (Bacci) to use 14 spaces in his marina parking area

E. Bacci:

- Opposed to eliminating the handicap parking spaces to create a pedestrian walkway

R. Ley:

- Agrees it will be less obtrusive using McConville's 14 parking spots and the spaces at the town marina then making the roads one-way

B. Russell:

- Suggested reducing the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph in this area

A Penta:

- Representing Harbor Cove
- They are opposed to the one-way traffic proposal

J. Welch:

- Suggested that boat trailers park along Riverside Drive rather than in the marina parking lot

J. Arrigoni:

- The proposed traffic configuration will impede his parking

J. Benchimol:

- Harborside Marina
- Concerned with how the one-way traffic configuration will affect his marina
- Public safety and parking issues need to be addressed

Traffic Authority:

Commerce and Grove Streets Traffic Pattern Concept and Discussion:

Chief DeMaio:

- Two conceptual drawings were distributed
  - One with angled parking
  - One with parallel parking
- Improvements to the traffic and parking in this area are meant to make the marina district a more useable destination
- Parking and traffic safety need to be addressed
- 28 parking spaces will be freed up if the boat trailers are parked in a different location
- 14 parking spaces possibly to Bacci (Lobster Landing) from McConville
- The maneuverability of the fire apparatus in this area needs to be accessed by Fire Chief Manware
- A meeting will be scheduled at a later date

Correspondence:

- Thank you from FHF for food drive
- Thank you to Ofcs Lombardo and Torino from M. Greenleaf
- Thank you to Ofc Harkins from G. Simmons and others
- Thank you to Chief DeMaio from Morgan School Administrators

Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 8, 2019:

- A motion was made by R. Derry, seconded by L. Hidek to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of line item accounts:

- Chief DeMaio is working with Finance to make the necessary line item transfers to purchase necessary items:
  - Case Cracker Software for the interview rooms
    - Costs \$19,400 and can be purchased using asset forfeiture funds and line item transfers
  - ESO interface software is needed at a cost of \$3,961
  - To purchase the Taser 7 model, the cost is \$15,800
    - The new model has features not included on the current Taser
- The department has received \$15,542 in cash donations for their community based alternative programs this fiscal year

State of the Department:

- The budgets passed in the first referendum
- Cpl Varone will be going to Alabama for training (free to CPD from USSS, estimated value 10k)
- CIRMA is providing the department with a free CALEA evaluation; normally a cost of \$5,000
- The department has good social media outreach
- Cpl Frey and Sonny have completed two recertifications for NPCA and NPWDA
- Ofcs Gorski and Massey have completed Phases I and II and doing well
- The boat is in the water and training in all weather and sea conditions continues
- Ofcs Lombardo and Brymer were awarded the MADD award at the May 7, 2019 ceremony

Captain Flynn:

- Distributed the April stats for investigations
- Arrests are up from last month as well as the calls for service
- Read letters received from both supervisors and officers commending each other for a job well done
- The Detective Bureau has a number of open cases, those to include some juvenile cases to which a parent has to be in attendance
  - Along with the investigative cases, the Detective Bureau is responsible for evidence and court runs

Captain Jakober:

- Ofcs Gorski and Massey will finish their Field Training on June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Officer Gregorczyk should be done with his training by June 9<sup>th</sup>
- The new department ID/key card will be printed shortly
  - The commissioners are invited to get an ID
- Four officers attended DUI training
  - Officer Harkins, DRE officer was selected as a primary instructor for this training
- Two officers are attending Advance Patrol classes
- The annual spring firearms recertification will be scheduled in May and July

- Cpl DePietro will soon become a certified boat operator
  - Ofcs Carlson and Matakaetis will become the next recertified boat operators
- The washer and dryer have been installed in the dog pound
- DPW is working on the small building issues at the dog pound
- The department's HVAC leak has been repaired
- The radar units will be switched over to the new Fords
- The Communications Center is working toward APCO standards which entails the use of plain language
  - Communications Operation Orders will be drafted with APCO standards
- The radar speed sign has been deployed to numerous areas and continues to collect data
  - The data determines the best time to deploy an officer to run radar
- Special Olympics is June 8<sup>th</sup>

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Department:

Commissioner Morelli:

- Suggested officers working a road job and/or directing traffic wear or have something more visible
- Good work controlling the April overtime
- Commented the department has a good handler and K9 team, work well together

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Administrative Assistant

## STATE of the DEPARTMENT – April 2019

### OPERATIONS

#### 1. Social Media / Outreach:

- Currently, over 3,400 followers on CPD's Facebook page. Post reach for April 42.5 K
- Monthly radio show on iCRV continues to see increasing listenership during program.

#### 2. K9 Program:

- Nearly 40,000 followers on K9 Sonny's Instagram Page.
- Recertification for NPCA and NPWDA have been completed.

#### 3. Shoreline Technical Crimes Investigative Group / South Central Regional:

- Varone Completed Video Forensics training from FBI.
- North Branford Police recognized as full members of STCIG, West Haven PD removed.

#### 4. Personnel:

- Dispatcher Dennison has satisfactorily completed training and certification and is assigned to a regular schedule.
- Officers Gorski and Massey have entered Phase II of their Field Training requirements. Both are progressing well.
- Officer John Gregorczyk was hired as a lateral entry from the New Haven Police Department on April 28<sup>th</sup>. He is undergoing a modified Field Training Program and is expected to be assigned on his own in June.

#### 5. Budget:

- First Selectman and BOS recommended cuts to our 2019/2020 budget proposals. Just prior to finalizing the Town budget proposal, BOF made additional cuts to the PD Overtime line item request removing 40K.
- Working with Finance on line-item transfers for year's end.

#### 6. Investigations:

- 23 open cases under investigation. 26 closed/suspended (see attached).
- Posted to fill special assignment position to Investigative Section. Will conduct interviews and move candidate into position as soon as new officers are completed with filed training (June/July).
- Continuing to work closely with Madison PD on others on investigative work.

**7. Marine Patrol:**

- Vessel is currently in water
- Training of all personnel set to be completed prior to June 1st.
- Expanding operational service to monitor Recreational Shellfish Beds.
- Planned meeting with Cedar Island HOA.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**8. Contracts & Vendors:**

- Negotiations with Communications Union continue (status unknown).
- CIRMA has notified the us that the pilot program with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CLAEA), to reduce risk exposure and identify operational and policy weaknesses has been approved. On-site review date: June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Software and Technology:**

- Combination RADAR / Message Board sign has been received. Has been deployed several different locations around town.
- E-Printers have been approved for routine use (State permissions have been granted).
- Continuing process of major policy and procedures drafting, revision, review and implementation project supported by migration to full use of the Power DMS software suite.

**10. General Order Updates, Revisions and Drafts:**

- Family Violence.
- Recruitment.
- Pursuit.

**11. Fleet:**

- Radar units to be moved to Fords with e-printers installed (Jakober).
- Unit #3 back in service.
- K9 Team is currently utilizing both Car#1 & Car #9 as both vehicles continue to have operational issues.

**12. Communications:**

- Dispatcher Clados to meet with APCO to discuss development of policies, procedure and accreditation (5/3/2019).
- Dispatcher Clados to present at "Home Alone" program (5/20/2019).
- MPP filed by the Union has been scheduled by the State Labor Board to be combined with the Police Union's MPP for same issue (Hearing scheduled for June).

**13. Training:**

- Formulating policy on “training tracks” to match Department needs with individual talent and skills set as well as career paths.
- DePietro & Pellegrini to FBI LEEDA training in May.

**14. Community Outreach and Charities during the month of April:**

- Pete Mezzetti Show – DeMaio, Flynn.
- DARE Classes – Harkins, Corbin & Recchia.
- Families Helping Families Board Meeting (2) - DeMaio, Hidek.
- Citizen’s Police Academy – Dunn, Flynn, Varone, Pellegrini, Strunjo.
- Meeting to study traffic pattern at Commerce / Grove intersection (2) – DeMaio, Flynn & Niles.
- Police Youth Group – Mangs, Torino & Corbin.
- Budget Meeting (3) – DeMaio, Jakober, Flynn.
- Meeting with Citizens (2) - DeMaio
- FBINAA Executive Board Meeting (2) – DeMaio.
- Meeting with SWNTF Commander – DeMaio, Flynn, DePietro.
- CAB Meeting – DeMaio, DePietro.

**15. Upcoming Events:**

- MADD Awards – May 7<sup>th</sup> Aqua Turf, Southington, CT.
- Memorial Day Parade – May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Bluefish Race – August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Sumer Fireworks Festival – August 31<sup>st</sup>.