

MINUTES  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
March 10, 2020

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Niles, Commissioners Ed Tessman, Lynn Hidek, Rob Derry and Dom Morelli

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: None

A motion was made by R. Derry, seconded by E. Tessman to add "Service Awards to Sgt Pellegrini" to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Service Awards to Sgt Pellegrini:

- Two Meritorious Service Awards and one Letter of Recognition were presented to Sergeant Bryan Pellegrini

Correspondence:

- Thank you from P. Cahill
- Job well done by officer from Chief of Police J. Lynch
- Good job to midnight shift from Capt Flynn
- Hugs for Hope Blanket Donation from the McNulty Family
- Appreciation of Ofc Torino's demeanor and responsiveness from J. MacArthur
- Thank you note to CPD from Retired Ofc Dunn
- Thank you and appreciation to CPD from C. Ruggiano
- Compliance to Law Enforcement Standards and Practices
- Thank you to Capt Flynn from C. Sherwood

Minutes of February 10, 2020 meeting:

- A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by R. Derry to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (L. Hidek)

Chief's Report:

Review of line item accounts:

- The Police budget is in line
- The part time salary line item may be close because the Joel crossing guard works an extra half hour daily
- The Communications' overtime line item continues to be a concern
  - Chief DeMaio is working with the Town Manager to cover the Communications overtime line
- MACO's budget is in line
  - Received \$1,000 for a legal settlement which was added to the veterinary services line item

State of the Department:

- Communications hosted an Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) training class
- Received a \$400 donation to our Narcan special account
- Received a donation of \$15,000 worth of emergency warning equipment which was installed on the K9 vehicle
- The Town Council finalized the budget
- There are a number of open cases due to a rash of car breaks

- Two promotions were made:
  - Cpl Varone was promoted to Sergeant – moved to 3p – 11p shift commander
  - Ofc Mangs was promoted to Corporal – will finish the school year as SRO and will become the Youth Officer in the Detective Bureau
- The SRO position will need to be filled for next year
- The rotational investigative slot ends June 30<sup>th</sup> and will need to be filled
- Received two lateral applications and there are 170 entry level applicants that passed the written test

Captain Flynn's Report:

- Distributed the monthly statistics/investigative report
  - Activity is not slowing down
  - Sgt Pellegrini was SRO/YO previously so he can assist Cpl Mangs handling his cases

Captain Jakober's Report:

- Distributed some of the Commissioners IDs
- Improvements to the sergeant's room and briefing room have been completed
- DPW is currently transforming a car port into additional storage area
- The fleet has sustained numerous flat tires this month
- The spring firearms recertification will be scheduled

Chief DeMaio discussed proposed House Bill 5086 – An Act Encouraging Regionalization of 9-1-1 Dispatch Centers

Old Business: None

New Business:

Construction update – Glenwood Road:

- There will be a daily closure between Liberty Street and Ninety Rod Road
- Road plates need to be on scene
- The construction company is a little behind due to issues which needed to be dealt with
- The road needs to be passable (especially for emergency vehicles) during the project

General Department Discussion:

- Discussed the leasing of vehicles for the next 3 on order, after that Chief DeMaio will work with the Town Manager as to the best way to purchase vehicles
- Discussed domestic disputes and if weapons are involved
- The next scheduled meeting is April 13, 2020
  - A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by L. Hidek to reschedule the monthly Board of Police Commissioners meeting to April 20, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussed a letter sent to the resident at 85 High Street regarding the speed limit on that street
  - It is a state road; however, the department will help navigate the state if the resident pursues this issue
- Someone petitioned the Town Manager to turn John Street into a dead end / cul de sac
  - If this comes to fruition it will come before the Traffic Authority for review

Executive Session:

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by R. Derry to move into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for the purposes of discussing Personnel and Contracts inviting Chief DeMaio, Captain Flynn and Captain Jakober. The motion carried unanimously.

Came out of Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

No action was taken.

A motion was made by E. Tessman, seconded by R. Derry to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Administrative Assistant

## **STATE of the DEPARTMENT: February 2020 – March 2020**

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **1. Social Media / Outreach:**

- 4,240 followers on CPD's Facebook page. Post reach for Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> was 22.2 K.
- Received much positive press on success of Shoreline Diaper Drive.
- Hosted APCO Certified Training Officer Class (3-day).

#### **2. K9 Program:**

- 57.1 K followers on K9 Sonny's Instagram Page.
- Three drug searches / finds.
- Quickly tracked and located an elderly dementia patient, whom had wandered into another home.

#### **3. Fiduciary:**

- \$400.00 donated to Narcan Program from "Hugs for Hope" (Recurring).
- \$ 15,000 worth of Emergency Warning Equipment donated and installed on K9 vehicle.

#### **4. Personnel:**

- Two employees currently out on medical leave (executive Session).
- Two Promotions effective March 6<sup>th</sup>: Corporal Varone promoted to Sergeant, assigned to patrol as Evening Shift Commander. Officer Mangs promoted to Corporal, assigned to Investigative Section as Youth Officer. He will continue with his duties as SRO until the end of the regular school year.
- Deadline for application of Entry Level/Lateral Entry position closed. Currently working with SCCJA on establishment of candidate list.
- DeMaio's contract ratified on 11 February 2020 (07/01/2019-06/30/2026).

#### **5. Budget:**

- Town Council finalized budgets on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and voted to send to Public Referendum.

#### **6. Investigations:**

- February/March- 31 open cases under investigation. Five cases cleared, one by arrest or warrant application.

#### **7. Marine Patrol:**

- Due to the unseasonable winter weather, vessel remained in water and will only be pulled for a cleaning (1 day projected).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **8. Contracts & Vendors:**

- Working on contract issue with Crown Castle (Ridge Road Tower).
- Communications Union Contract expires 06/30/2020.
- Police Union Contract expires 06/30/2020.

### **9. Software and Technology:**

- Electronic submission of pre-arrest paperwork to GA 9 has begun. To date all transmissions have been error-free. Expected official start of program will be determined by State process outcomes (we will be the 1<sup>st</sup> in State).
- Pseudo Server to be installed at CPD for testing.
- Radio issues experienced, console work was required to rectify.

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

- 5.08 Pursuit Policy.

### **11. Training:**

- 179 training hours to 5 Employees: February 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 - March 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 (see attached).
- Officer Caruso completed Advanced Accident Reconstruction Training.

### **12. Community Outreach and Charities during the months of February and March:**

- Police Youth Group Meeting (2) – Mangs, Corbin, Torino.
- Budget Meetings (3) – DeMaio.
- CIRMA Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting – DeMaio.
- DARE Classes – Mangs, Corbin, Harkins.
- Shoreline Diaper Drive – DeMaio, Jakober, Flynn, Pellegrini, DePietro & Frey.
- School Crisis Advisory Board (SCAB) Meeting – DeMaio, Flynn & Mangs.
- Meeting with Citizens – DeMaio, Niles.
- FBINAA 2020 National Chapter Leadership Summit – DeMaio.
- CISS Implementation Meeting (2) – Flynn, DePietro, Varone, Jakober, Capece.
- USSS Cyber Symposium – DeMaio, Varone, Massey.
- FBINAA Regional Meeting - DeMaio.
- Award and Promotion Ceremony – All Department Personnel.

### **13. Upcoming Events:**

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- CALEA Conference – Mach 17 – 21<sup>st</sup>.
- FHF Food Drive – March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 1000-1400 hours @ Stop & Shop.
- MADD Awards – May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Memorial Day Parade – May 25<sup>th</sup>.