

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
September 11, 2023

PRESENT: Chairman Ed Tessman, Commissioners Lynn Hidek, Rob Derry, Paul Melanson and Dom Morelli
Also present: Chief DeMaio, Captain Jakober, Captain DePietro, Dennis Donovan and Dave Carroll

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Tessman. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence occurred in remembrance of September 11th

Comments from the Public:

Patricia White inquired about vendors going door to door on holidays. She was advised that she would need to bring her concern to the Town Council, as the vendor Regulations are part of town code.

Taylor Boucher spoke for a group of residents from John Street who expressed concerns over the project on John Street. Concerns related to the LTA will be addressed and he was directed to contact the town planner for other concerns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek, seconded by Commissioner Derry to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence: nothing new to provide to the Commissioners

Traffic Authority:

- Closer to Free ride-occurred Saturday, no issues
- Indian River Landing-North driveway is now open, minor signage change occurred
- CT Grand Fondo- annual cycling event to be held September 16, 2023. Chief DeMaio recommended approving the event.
A motion was made by Commissioner Derry to approve the ride on September 16, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Hidek. The motion was unanimously approved.
- CVFD boot drive-annual event, Chief DeMaio recommended approving the event.
A motion was made by Commissioner Melanson to approve the boot drive for November 24, 2023 with a rain date of November 25, 2023 or December 2, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Derry. The motion was unanimously approved.
- State Project 0121-0508- ongoing project to install reflective signage on sharp curves on town roadways.
- Carter Hill, Pleasant Valley Road and Long Hill Road- corrected to a T intersection which is safer and has better lines of sight and traffic flow.

Budget Review:

- Chief DeMaio explained that when you remove salary and contractual requirements he is running the department on \$187, 000 this year.

State of the Department:

- Commissioner Derry inquired if Sergeant Sepega submitted his letter of intent to retire.
- Recruit Officer Mastriano to begin the academy October 6, 2023.
- Commissioner Derry inquired about the radio project and Chief DeMaio answered his questions.
- Captain Jakober answered questions Commissioner Melanson had regarding the testing of new firearms.

Old Business:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Hidek to approve the minutes from the Special meeting on August 29, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Derry. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

- Awards ceremony to be held October 30, 2023

A motion was made to go into Executive session at 6:52 pm by Commissioner Derry, seconded by Commissioner Morelli. Inviting Chief DeMaio, Captain Jakober, Captain DePietro and myself. The motion was unanimously approved.

At 7:05 pm, Commissioner Hidek made a motion to come out of Executive session, seconded by Commissioner Derry. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morelli, seconded by Commissioner Derry to promote Spencer Mangs to the position of Sergeant and Mario Caruso to the position of Corporal effective September 18, 2023 as well as Nicholas Torino to the position of Sergeant and Jeffrey Brymer to the position of Corporal effective September 22, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Derry, seconded by Commissioner Hidek. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Shove
Executive Assistant
Police Chief

