

MINUTES

WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN POLICE STATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Patricia Kropp, Secretary
Robert LeBlanc
Judy Sprano, Chairman
Jack Walton (arrived late - no time given)

ABSENT: Mark Tedesco

OTHERS PRESENT: Herm Desena, Deputy Police Chief
John Gavallas, Police Chief

MEETING WAS NOT TAPED

1. Convene Regular Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

Ms. Pilicy-Sprano, Chairman, Called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Pilicy-Sprano, Chairman, executed the Roll Call.

3. Public Participation

Dave LeBlanc, Middlebury, CT 06795

Mr. LeBlanc discussed his F.O.I. concerns.

4. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – December 9, 2009

MOTION: (Ms. Kropp, sec. Ms. Pilicy) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

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In Favor: Ms. Kropp, Ms. Pilicy

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED (3-0-1)

5. Correspondence

Chief Gavallas disturbed a memo from Sergeant Markiewiz to Deputy Chief Desena, dated January 5, 2010, Re: Susan Gillespie complaint regarding traffic light.

Chief Gavallas distributed a letter from Mark Tedesco.

MOTION: (Mr. LeBlanc, sec. Ms. Kropp) to accept the letter from Mr. Tedesco excusing him from the next two Police Commission Meetings.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chief Gavallas reported he received a letter from Charles Frigon, Town Manager, relating to F.O.I.

6. New Business

A. Budget Discussion

A discussion took place regarding the budget.

B. Traffic Light at High School

Discussion took place concerning correspondence shared by Chief earlier – request that Deputy Chief write a follow up letter to resident with results of investigation. Copy to be given to the Police Commission.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Bunker Hill

Not discussed.

B. F.O.I.

Discussion took place regarding information received from David LeBlanc regarding F.O.I.

MOTION: (Ms. Kropp, sec. Mr. Walton) to withdraw Police Commission Chairman Judy Pilicy to attend a meeting with Waterbury as a fact finding mission.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Chairman's Report

None

9. Chief's Report

A. December, 2009 – Police Department Activity

Chief Gavallas gave a report concerning the Police Department activity for December, 2009 as follows.

DECEMBER 2009 REPORT

Recruitment – The selection process for three new officers is coming to a close. I am presently reviewing the background investigation reports, psychological reports and polygraph examination results of those candidates being considered for selection. I anticipate selecting three candidates by February 1, 2010. The police academy training begins on February 19, 2010. One of the candidates being considered is already a certified police officer, and, in the event that candidate is hired, they would not be required to attend police academy training. They would be given 14 weeks of FTO (Field Training Officer) training and then be prepared to work on their own.

K-9 – Corporal David Marinaro successfully graduated the Connecticut State Police Canine Training Academy on December 17, 2009 and has returned with his canine Enzo. Both Corporal Marinaro and Enzo did exceptionally well throughout this training process. Enzo will be a valuable asset to our department.

Evidence Processing – We recently completed our year-end inventory of our property room and we have instituted evidence bar coding to keep better track of all evidence and property that is taken in by the Police Department. This new system will make it much easier for officers to properly categorize evidence and for the property officer to locate said evidence when it is needed for court.

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Internet Pornography – The computer software system for the forensic examination of internet pornography has been received and setup, and an officer has been assigned to this task. We have several cases pending in GA4 from computers seized via search warrants for possession of internet pornography. As long as there is a market for this illicit activity, young children will continue to be victimized by those people producing this filth.

Police Cars – We recently took delivery on three new police cars that were funded in our current fiscal year budget. These are marked patrol cars and the finishing touches are being put on the decals, and all three should be put into service within approximately two weeks.

Accreditation Review – On January 19, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. a state accreditation assessment team will be at Watertown Police Headquarters. The purpose of their visit is to review our accreditation standards and policies. They will be touring our facility and reviewing our general orders. I am optimistic that their review of our operations will find us conforming to all of the accreditation standards required by P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Standards and Training). Upon completion of their assessment they will make a report to P.O.S.T. This review is conducted once every three years to ensure that we are conforming to all standards. I will report their findings at the next Police Commission meeting.

Budget – I have prepared a draft of our operating budget for F/Y 10-11 for your review.

November, 2009

Criminal Arrests	46
Juvenile Referrals	2
Motor Vehicle Stops	166
Total M/V Tickets Issued	62
Misdemeanor Summons	26
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Infractions	36
DUI	4
Written Warnings	58
Fatality	0
Parking Tickets	5

December, 2009

Criminal Arrests	60
Juvenile Referrals	4
Motor Vehicle Stops	192
Total M/V Tickets Issues	50
Misdemeanor Summons	
Infractions	23
DUI	4
Written Warnings	100
Fatality	0
Parking Tickets	5

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10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Ms. Kropp, sec. Mr. Walton) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pilicy-Sprano, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission

Approved: _____
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk