

OLD SAYBROOK POLICE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

June 25, 2018

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at the Old Saybrook Town Hall.

Present: Chairman Moran, Vice Chairman Von Dassel, Secretary Shippee, Commissioner Reid, Glowski and Keeney. Chief Spera and Lieutenant DePerry were present from the Department of Police Services.

The meeting was video and audio taped by the Town of Old Saybrook.

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the Public.

III. Minutes – June 6, 2018 Special Meeting

Commissioner Glowski made a motion to accept the June 6, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes. Secretary Shippee seconded the motion. The Commission discussed the minutes.

Secretary Shippee stated that the female who spoke during public comment spoke in the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Glowski stated that the date of the bottom of the minutes for the June meeting was incorrect.

Commissioner Cooper asked if anyone was able to respond to the female.

Chief Spera stated that it was not appropriate to comment back.

Vice Chairman Von Dassel stated that the Commissioners should not respond back to comments.

The motion to accept the June 6, 2018 Special Meeting minutes passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning 2018 Police Commission Goals

The Commission discussed Police Commission Goals.

They discussed having more organized and structured meetings making sure to follow the agenda and procedures for motions etc.

The Commission also discussed getting the RFP moving forward for the staffing and organizational study.

The Commission also discussed exploring an evaluation for the Chief.

V. **Discussion and Possible Action on Scheduling a Subcommittee Meeting concerning the Organizational Structure and Staffing Study**

The Commission discussed scheduling a subcommittee meeting concerning the organizational structure and staffing study. Chief Spera stated that he would send around dates in July so the Commission, Union Presidents, First Selectman Fortuna and he could meeting to review and finalize the RFP.

The Chief stated that the only thing he requests is that the Commission supports whatever the study says to do. Should the study come back and state less Officers are needed the Commission should task the Chief on the plan on how to do that but if it comes back stating they need to hire more Officers they need to come up with a 3-5 year plan on how to do that.

VI. **Operational Updates & Comments from the Chief of Police**

Chief Spera passed around correspondence to the Commission.

He discussed that the Department will be looking to fill a full time dispatch position and a per diem dispatch position.

He stated that he was working with the First Selectman on some end of the year budget purchases and stated that he is confident that for the second year in a row the budget will end with a surplus.

He stated that the cars are rolling out sporadically.

K9 Chase is officially on the case working with Officer Schulz and Chief would like to schedule a meeting for both of them to come in and speak with the Commission.

He stated that the two that the Commission hired in early June have passed all testing and will starting the academy July 6th.

He stated that he is expecting one more resignation coming very soon due to the employee looking to transfer to a Department with much better benefits.

He spoke to the Commission about the upcoming Community Event that Police Department will be starting, Shorts for Sean. Sean is a 4 year old cancer patient who resides in Old Saybrook with his family. He is currently receiving treatment in Boston where his family is staying at the Ronald McDonald house. They family also has a son a couple years older than Sean and they are all driving back and forth and there is a bit of financial strain on them and the Police Department would like to help. Chief Spera has authorized the Department that they may wear a "summer uniform" for a \$5.00 donation each day. The Union has agree to match the Officers donation. He is hoping to get other businesses on board to support Sean and his family.

The Commission asked if they could help and Chief Spera stated that the Commissioners could wear shorts to the meeting and contribute \$5.00 each time.

VII. **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the Public.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Glowski made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Keeney. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

The next regular Police Commission meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the first floor conference room at the Old Saybrook Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

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