

Old Saybrook Police Commission

Regular Meeting

March 25, 2019

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at the Old Saybrook Town Hall.

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

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Von Dassel called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Minutes

Commissioner Keeney made a motion to accept the December 4th Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Glowski asked Secretary Shippee what she voted. Secretary Shippee stated that she doesn't remembers.

The motion to approve the December 4th Special Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.

a. December 6, 2018 Special Meeting

Commissioner Keeney made a motion to accept the December 6th Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion.

Secretary Shippee stated that she didn't name names during her comments. She just apologized if there was any miscommunication.

The motion to approve the December 6th Special Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.

b. February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Keeney made a motion to accept the February 25th Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion. The motion to approve the February 25th Regular Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.

III. Executive Reports

a. Financial

1. FY 19 Budget Status

Chief Spera stated that he is comfortable with where the Police Department is at currently with the expenses and supplies budget. He also stated that he is pleased to report that the Emergency Communications Center line item will normalize soon with the two new full timers coming aboard starting in April.

2. Reports of Off Budget Accounts

Secretary Shippee asked about why the Drivers Safety Account gets changed Health and Dental care.

Chief Spera stated that when applying for reimbursement from the state the Police Department has to provide those numbers.

3. FY 20 Budget Process

Chief Spera thanked everyone who came out for the Board of Finance meeting and he also thanked the Chairman, stating that he's thankful that the Chairman allowed him to present his power point presentation to the Board of Finance.

Chairman Von Dassel thanked the Chief for presenting stating that it was very important to present and that he feels it opened up some eyes to what the Police Commission and Police Department does.

Commissioner Keeney stated that at the town meeting there was only one comment and it was thanking the Police Department and the Board of Education for the support of the School Resource Program.

Chief Spera invited Commissioners to attend the Board of Finance Special Meeting that will be held Tuesday March 26, 2019 in which they will discussing the budget.

Chief Spera stated that he believes there is some confusion in regards to what he did with the School Resource Officers this year.

He stated that the School Resource Officers are not increasing their hours. They are working exactly the same hours that they have worked for the past two years. The funding for the hours were previously covered by the vacant patrol positions. This year there will be no vacant patrol positions so the School Resource Officers had to be properly funded.

b. Administrative

1. Personnel Report

Chief Spera stated that he recently held a leadership team meeting and that it went very well. He stated that meetings will happen more often to make sure everyone is following directives.

a. New Patrolman Meet & Greet

Chief Spera reintroduced Patrolman Baldino and Hanna to the Commission. They were both hired by the Commission back in June 2018 and they are returning tonight as sworn Officers who have recently finished Field Training and are now on their own.

The Commission welcomed Patrolman Baldino and Hanna and asked them some questions.

Chief Spera stated that he would like to see some Police Commissioners attend the next Police Academy graduation.

2. Correspondence

Chief Spera passed around the most recent correspondence.

IV. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the Public.

V. Comments from the Chief of Police

Chief Spera stated that he is currently working with the Park and Recreation Commission to enhance Saybrook Point traffic. He stated that they are looking at turning traffic into a one way flow which would make it a lot safer.

He stated that he recently met with a local real estate office and gave them a presentation on realtor safety.

He updated the Commission on the final Diaper count in this year's drive. The Police Department collected over nineteen thousand diapers and over thirty thousand wipes. He stated that the department beat last year's number and thanked the Town of Old Saybrook's Building Official who coordinated Town Halls contributions.

He stated that he is looking to have an "Ice Tea with the Chief" possibly this summer.

He also asked the Commissioner if they would like to see more body camera footage.

The Commission stated that yes they are interested in seeing it.

VI. Comments and/or Concerns from Commissioners

Secretary Shippee asked for clarification on where the one way would be at Saybrook Point.

Commissioner Reid stated that the Police Officer who delivered his packet was very nice and professional and shook the Commissioners hand and thanked him for his support. He stated that he took that as a Thank you to the Commission as a whole.

Commissioner Keeney stated that the Chief has done a job well done for all the budget meetings so far and the presentations.

Chairman Von Dassel stated that that he would like to schedule subcommittee meeting before the 22nd of next month to go over the scoring system and how to handle each vendor. He stated that letters went out to each vendor with a specific block of time schedule for them to present.

The Commission decided to try and find a date the week of April 8th to meet.

Vice Chairman Glowski addressed the Commission by reading a letter he had written out loud. The letter stated that effective immediately following this meeting he would be resigning from the Police Commission. He handed Chairman Von Dassel a copy of his resignation letter.

The Chairman accepted his letter and thanked him for his service on the Commission. The Commission echoed his sentiments.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Keeney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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