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Mayor Joseph A. Carfora

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 AT 7:00 PM
471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Dominic Balletto (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Dianne Romans, Commissioner Barbara Barbuito

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Clerk Marsha Maldonado, Town Attorney Michael Luzzi, Esq.

Chairman Balletto called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)
East Haven's Battle of the Badges Softball Game between East Haven Police Department and East Haven Fire Department will be Friday, September 16, 6:30 PM at Deer Run Elementary School to raise money for local non-profit Our Community Heroes.
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular Monthly Meeting minutes of June 28, 2022
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the regular Monthly Meeting minutes of June 28, 2022, as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (July and August 2022)
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations
8. Public Comment
9. Correspondence Received/Sent
 - a. Stephen Moran, Transportation Maintenance Director, CTDOT (via email, July 8, 2022) – the CTDOT's Traffic Engineering Unit will evaluate the request to have Center Line Rumble Strips (CLRS) installed on Route 100 upon receipt of a formal request from the Town of East Haven Local Traffic Authority.

Pavement quality, roadway width, ADT, speed limit and residential density are some of the considerations when determining feasibility.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to add this item for discussion and approval under New Business; seconded by Commissioner Romans. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Frank Apuzzo (768 Laurel Street), dated August 22, 2022

- i. Expressed thanks for the installation of stop signs/stop bars, and painting traffic lines (incomplete) on that end of Laurel Street.
- ii. Request for the installation of a stop sign at Laurel Street and Venice Place to slow speeding traffic turning from Venice place onto Laurel Street caused by more residents and the Hurling Club.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro noted that the Traffic & Public Safety Committee has discussed traffic speed on Laurel Street at length and did subsequently approve the installation of a stop sign approximately a block [north] away; to install another stop sign would not give trucks enough roadway to get back up to speed coming up the hill before having to stop again [at the previously approved/installed stop sign]. As for the line painting, that is a Public Works project, and we will follow-up as to when they expect to have it completed.

c. Annual Closer to Free Bicycling Fundraiser – Saturday, September 10, 2022

Formal acknowledgement and endorsement of the Annual Closer to Free Bicycling Fundraiser to benefit Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. Depending on the outcome of promotions/hiring this evening, there will be at least one (1) police officer vacancy.
- ii. A rolling [recruit] testing process has been implemented; to date, we have eliminated every candidate (except for the one coming before the Board tonight); currently, there are approximately twenty (20) applicants pending full backgrounds and we expect to have them completed by the November or December monthly Commissioner meeting. We have not yet requested seats for the next Police Academy which is expected to start around the beginning of 2023.
- iii. No sworn personnel on injury or light duty.

b. Overtime

Tracking better than this time last fiscal year.

c. Awards & Commendations

d. Noteworthy News

Chairman Balletto suggested moving the November meeting one day from November 29 to November 30, 2023. All in favor.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a. From Item 9.a. – Request to have Center Line Rumble Strips (CLRS) installed on Route 100 by the CTDOT.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve submitting a formal written request to CTDOT to have Center Line Rumble Strips (CLRS) installed on Route 100; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Maldonado will draft and submit the formal written request to the CTDOT.

- b. Discussion and approval of revised policy 501.6 (Searching and Transporting Arrestees)

Deputy Chief Tracy explained that prior to utilizing the new prisoner transport van (once the upfit is complete), the policy needs to be updated to reflect best practices. The policy will define what is/is not permissible and adds a caveat addressing any arrestee injury during transport – stop immediately and seek medical attention and re-evaluate as necessary. Also, as a proactive measure, seat belts are being installed in the prisoner transport van.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 501.6 (Searching and Transporting Arrestees) with an effective date of October 1, 2022; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Interview and consideration of candidates for promotion to Lieutenant (Executive Session)

Chairman Balletto made a motion to conduct interviews in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon, Deputy Chief Tracy, and Attorney Luzzi present; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive session commenced at 7:13 PM.

Candidate Sergeant John Finnimore went into executive session at 7:17 PM and exited at 7:36 PM.

Candidate Sergeant Joseph Finoia went into executive session at 7:38 PM and exited at 7:57 PM.

Candidate Sergeant Ryan Gorman went into executive session at 8:00 PM and exited at 8:11 PM.

Chairman Balletto made a motion to conclude executive session; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. Public session resumed at 8:19 PM.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro recused himself from making any motions for this promotion.

Chairman Balletto made a motion to promote Sergeant Joseph Finoia to the rank of Lieutenant effective October 1, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Interview and consideration of candidates for promotion to Sergeant (Executive Session)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to conduct interviews in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon, Deputy Chief Tracy, and Attorney Luzzi present; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive session commenced at 8:21 PM.

Candidate Detective Molly Perry went into executive session at 8:25 PM and exited at 8:32 PM.

Candidate Officer Luke Rasile went into executive session at 8:34 PM and exited at 8:39 PM.

Candidate Detective Jonathan Trinh went into executive session at 8:42 PM and exited at 8:48 PM.

Chairman Balletto made a motion to conclude executive session; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. All in favor. Public session resumed at 8:50 PM.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to promote Detective Molly Perry to the rank of Sergeant effective October 1, 2022; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Interview and consideration of candidates for promotion to Detective (Executive Session)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to conduct interviews in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon, Deputy Chief Tracy, and Attorney Luzzi present; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive session commenced at 8:52 PM.

Candidate Officer Raymond Wilson went into executive session at 8:54 PM and exited at 8:56 PM.

Candidate Officer Fredrick Segó went into executive session at 8:58 PM and exited at 9:01 PM.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to conclude executive session; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. Public session resumed at 9:04 PM.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to promote to the rank of Detective: Officer Raymond Wilson effective October 1, 2022 and Officer Fredrick Segó effective January 1, 2023, respectively; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Interview and consideration of candidate for hiring to Police C - Recruit (Executive Session)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to conduct the interview in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon, Deputy Chief Tracy, and Attorney Luzzi present; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive session commenced at 9:06 PM.

Candidate Brayan Lucero went into executive session at 9:07 PM and exited at 9:12 PM.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to conclude executive session; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. Public session resumed at 9:14 PM.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to hire Brayan Lucero as a probationary Grade C Police Officer with a start date of September 20, 2022. This offer is contingent on Mr. Lucero meeting all Connecticut police officer hiring requirements set forth in Connecticut General Statutes 7-294d and the regulations of the Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council (CT POST). Further, if the September 23, 2022 start date of the Police Academy is changed, then the Chief of Police is authorized to change the hire/start date of Recruit Lucero to be within two (2) weeks of the new start date of the Police Academy; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,