

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 28, 2009**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Honorable Board of Police Commission was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the East Haven Police Department, Commissioners Room.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Frederick Brow

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Roll Call: Chairman Frederick Brow, Vice-Chairman Joseph Civitello, Commissioner Frank Piergrossi, Commissioner Pasquale Romano, Commissioner James Krebs.

Also present: Chief Leonard L. Gallo, Sgt. John Cascio President Local 1662, citizens Sharon Brooks, Frank Swan, Bonnie Erich, Cynthia Lucibello, John Sullo and Robert Lee Fire Commissioner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krebs to approve the minutes of February 24, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi. All in favor. Motion carried

A motion was made by Commissioner Piergrossi to approve the departmental reports for March as received, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. Chairman Brow asked if there was any discussion on the departmental reports.

Commissioner Romano asked the Chief to explain what the symbols on the CAD Activity Sheet were. The Chief explained that a "00" meant no report, "03" was a written report and "02" was a detective report.

Commissioner Krebs commented that being the new Commissioner he found all the reports to be very informative and helpful.

Chairman Brow mentioned that the Wood Terrace report, submitted by Inspector Nappi, would be taken up under Old Business as well as the hiring of three Crossing Guards.

Commissioner Piergrossi questioned the memos to Captain LaBanca from Lt. Butler, regarding damage to police vehicles, and asked that this be discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Brow asked the Chief about the decimal noise meter. Chief Gallo explained that the department is training on it and that he also trained. Enforcement will start this week. The Chief also explained that if the decimal meter reads over 84, the person would get a ticket.

Chairman Brow also asked if any other officers signed up to be motorcycle operators. The Chief stated that the list was put up for another week but we still only have 4 applicants. The Chief also stated that we may have the money for two operators, one this year and one in the next fiscal year.

Having no further discussion on the monthly reports for March. Roll call vote. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Piergrossi to approve the departmental reports for April as received, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. Roll call vote. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sergeant Cascio, President Local 1662 addressed the board and read from Grievance No. 09-02. He stated he would like it to be added to the Agenda and brought up in Executive Session.

Sergeant Cascio gave a general description of the Grievance (without mentioning any names)
He stated that the Chief had denied it pursuant to Town Hall procedure.

Ms. Sharon Brooks, 55 Thompson Street 16F, addressed the board and commented that her car and money was stolen and that the reports are not correct, written by the East Haven Police. The Chief explained to Ms. Brooks that this case has been investigated by a seasoned officer and that there are not enough facts for a lawful arrest. He also mentioned that he

has spoken to Ms. Brooks about this many times. Regarding her vehicle, a warrant was applied for and signed by a judge, for Angela Amodio for taking Brooks vehicle without her permission.

Chairman Brow stated to Ms. Brooks that the police department format had been satisfied and now it is in the prosecutor's hands. This is not a board matter.

The Chief invited Ms. Brooks to come to his office on Wednesday to talk about it once again. This was not the proper forum.

Mr. Frank Swan, 9 Sunset Pass, addressed the board and stated that signs have been put on both ends of Sunset Pass and that it has done a lot of good, cut commented that his family has been issued tickets for parking on Sunset Pass.

Chief Gallo explained that this has been an ongoing issue for years and that people who own property on Sunset Pass cannot block their driveways for a long period of time. He stated that you cannot park your car for an hour or two. Cooperation is necessary and we need peace.

Commissioner Civitello stated that the owner of a home on George Street has used this opportunity to be a nuisance.

Bonnie Erich, 118 Coe Avenue addressed the board and stated that it was very unfortunate what is going on at Sunset Pass with the Swan family. She explained she lived there when she was younger and feels that someone came into the scenery who does not want to cooperate. She also commented that the house on George Street has a driveway.

The Chief stated that he will try to resolve this matter and asked Mr. Swan to come to his office.

Bonnie Erich, stated she was very concerned about the speeding on Coe and Dewey and it seems to have become an exit ramp. She asked for either stop signs, speed bumps, beware of children signs, etc. and stated they are needed immediately. After reading about the young boy who was killed on Russo Avenue she gathered all the children in the neighborhood and explained to them what can happen. She felt that it was like an accident waiting to happen.

Commissioner Romano stated that Ms. Erich had a valid point and possibly we can reverse the One Way sign on Cold Spring, but commented that the School may be a problem.

The Chief stated that he would assign enforcement, the radar machine and see what can be done about swapping the one way sign.

Cynthia Lucibello, Edwards Street, addressed the board and commented that we have the rudest police department. She has had a problem with harassment and that the Chief has all the details. The feud she has had with one person in her neighborhood has further been exasperated because of the police department. She stated that she was fed up with the rudeness of the police department, thanked the board for listening and left. Chief Gallo stated that there is an ongoing very personal matter between these two neighbors.

Mr. John Sullo, addressed the board once again complaining that his business was not put on the tow list.

Chief Gallo asked Mr. Sullo if he had straightened out the ZBA issue. Mr. Sullo stated No.

Commissioner Krebs commented that before he became a Commissioner and was a member of the public at the Board of Police Commission Meetings, Mr. Sullo was told at many meetings that he did not get the proper Zoning approval over and over again.

Mr. Sullo continued to state that there were no restrictions on his property.

Both Chairman Brow and Commissioner Piergrossi stated that until the Zoning Board of Appeals gives approval nothing can be done by this board.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Brow: Thanking the department for their kindness during the loss of their beloved daughter Michelle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Follow up on Wood Terrace: This item has already been taken care of.
2. Follow up on Department Vehicles: Will be taken up in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Policy and Procedures;

A motion was made Commissioner Krebs to approve Policy 2009-7 Internal Investigation, Policy 2009-8 MDT Policy, 2009-9 Evidence Policy, 2009-10 Medals and Awards Policy 2009-11, SWAT/SRT Policy, seconded by Commissioner Romano. All in favor.

Commissioner Piergrossi asked that Policy 2009-12, M/V accidents involving Department vehicles and personnel be taken up in Executive Session.

2. Consider and act upon rescinding several General Orders.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano to rescind General Order 94-2 Juvenile Apprehension (new policy already in place) General Order 95-8 Pistol Range (no longer in existence) Policy 3-1-78 regarding burglary investigation (new policy to be written) 19.3.91 Auxiliary Police Policy (they are no longer in existence) seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Discussion/action regarding the amendment of Policy No. 2008-4

A motion was made by Commissioner Piergrossi to amend Policy 2008-4 to become effective August 1, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. Chairman Brow asked if there was any discussion on the policy. (Change blue shirts to white shirts on Command Staff)

Sgt. Cascio commented that changing the effective date from July 1st. to August 1st. will lessen the impact, inasmuch as the clothing allowance is given the second pay period of July.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

4. To incorporate General order 2008-2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano to incorporate the General order 2008-2 (Service Stripe) into Uniform Policy 2008-4 to become effective immediately seconded by Commissioner Krebs. Chairman Brow asked if there was any discussion on the General Order.

Commissioner Piergrossi and Commissioner Romano both felt that the officers should all show their tenure (service stripes)

Sgt. Cascio, Union President, commented that at the present time it is optional and it would have to be negotiated with the union. He further stated that the union is open to negotiations. Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

5. To consider and act upon General Order 2009-2 Racial Profiling and Compliance Order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Piergrossi to act upon General Order 2009-2, Racial Profile and Compliance Order, seconded by Commissioner Romano. All in favor. Motion carried

6. Discussion/action regarding sending Civil Service a Letter requesting Active Civil Service List for Sergeant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Piergrossi to send a letter to the Civil Service Commission requesting the Active Civil Service List for Sergeant to fill one position at the East Haven Police Department, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. All in favor. Motion carried

7. Discussion/Action regarding hiring three new Crossing Guards.

A motion was made by Commissioner Piergrossi to hire three new Crossing Guards, on conditional employment, for the East Haven Police Department to become effective April 20, 2009, James Tondalo, Tina Fucci and Sharon Germe, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Romano stated that he still has problems with some of the Crossing Guards, especially Coe Avenue where he passes every day, directing traffic. He asked that Inspector Nappi speak to them again.

Commissioner Krebs commented that a plaque with the Commissioners Names in the foyer is missing many of the former and present Commissioners names. He asked that it be brought up to date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krebs that the plaque in the foyer with the Commissioners names, past and present, be brought up to date, seconded by Commissioner Romano. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krebs to go into Executive Session, along with the Board, the Chief and Sergeant Cascio, President Local 1662, seconded by Commissioner Romano, regarding Memo 3/15/09, Memo dated 3/20/09 Grievance dated 4/23/09. All in favor. Sergeant Cascio would be in Executive Session for the Grievance 09-02 only. Time: 8:35 p.m.

Sergeant Cascio came out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi. All in favor. Time: 8:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Piergrossi to adopt Policy Number 2009-12 M/V Accidents involving department vehicles and personnel, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Piergrossi to deny Grievance No. 09-02 Local 1662, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Brow adjourned meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Virginia Williams, Secretary

