

TOWN OF EAST HAVEN
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION
DECEMBER 30, 2008
MINUTES

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at the East Haven Senior Center.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Romano

Roll Call: Chairman Pasquale Romano, Vice-Chairman Frederick Brow, Commissioner Sandra Wright, Commissioner Frank Piergrossi and Commissioner Joseph Civitello.

Also Present: Chief Leonard L. Gallo, Union President John Cascio, Union Treasurer Officer Emerman, Detective Robert Ranfone Union Member at Large, Officer Richard Ellison, Officer Benjamin DeCrosta, Officer Nicholas Kattis, Attorney Echter from the law offices of Patricia A. Cofrancesco and citizens.

Chairman Romano asked the members of the Commission if we could go out of order on the Agenda to item #2 under New Business in order to accommodate the officers who were to be interviewed for the position of Sergeant at the East Haven Police Department. The officers each had different schedules, one was on duty, one was coming off duty and one was going to duty at 11:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Chairman Romano to go into Executive Session to interview police officers for the position of Sergeant at the East Haven Police Department with the Commissioners all present and the Chief present only to introduce the officers to the Commission, seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi. All in favor. Motion carried. Executive Session entered at 7:01 p.m.

Officer Richard Ellison was interviewed at 7:04 p.m.

Officer Benjamin DeCrosta DeCrosta was interviewed at 7:13 p.m.

Officer Nicholas Kattis was interviewed at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Piergrossi to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Wright. All in favor. Time: 7:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Civitello to promote Officer Richard Ellison to the position of Sergeant at the East Haven Police Department to become effective January 2, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brow to accept the minutes of November 25, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to accept the departmental reports, seconded by Vice-Chairman Brow. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Brow asked about the Sick Time General Order. The Chief commented that a copy has gone to the Union President, which plans to challenge to negotiate. He also stated that a copy has gone to Mr. Hongo.

Chairman Romano stated that the Union and the chief should get together and work it out.

Vice-Chairman Brow stated that they should also get together with Mr. Hongo, Director of Town Affairs, as soon as possible to discuss this issue.

A motion was made by Chairman Romano to form a sub-committee regarding a Sick Time General Order, with both Commissioner Piergrossi and Civitello on the Sub-Committee, seconded by Commissioner Civitello. All in favor.

Vice-Chairman Brow also mentioned Nellie Greens property whereby they are concerned with noise issues (motorcycles etc.) in the spring. Vice-Chairman Brow mentioned to them that the Chief is making an attempt to secure a noise meter (decimal)

The Chief commented that that do have other equipment which we should have by the spring. Vice-Chairman Brow stated that the gentlemen has offered financial help if necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Sullo, from Johnny's Garage, addressed the Board once again asking to be put on the Tow List. Chairman Romano abstained from this conversation.

Once again it was mentioned by Commissioner Wright that the Zoning Board of Appeals denied this and until such time as we receive a letter from the Zoning board of Appeals that things have changed the commission cannot act on this.

Vice-Chairman Brow asked Attorney Echter if he was familiar with this case and could the board have a legal resolve to this matter.

Mr. Sullo will have his attorney contact Attorney Echter.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/SENT

1. Thank you from Gayle Forgione to Officer Conte.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion/action regarding General Order #1008-01/The Police Service Stripe.

Chief Gallo stated that he added two sheets. Action already taken.

Commissioner Piergrossi made a motion that Chief Gallo sends a Letter of Commendation to the Police Department Personnel, regarding the issue at the East Haven High School, which was a very trying time, seconded by Commissioner Wright. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brow. All in favor.

Chairman Romano adjourned meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Williams
Secretary