

**EAST HAVEN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 29, 2010
EAST HAVEN SENIOR CENTER, 7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Honorable Board of Police Commission was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frederick Brow
Roll Call: Virginia Williams, Secretary

Commissioners Present: Chairman Frederick Brow, Vice-Chairman Joseph Civitello, Commissioner Marie Saddig and Commissioner James Krebs. Commissioner Piergrossi was not present.

Also present: Acting Chief Gaetano J. Nappi, Attorney Patricia Cofrancesco, Union President Sergeant Frank Montagna, Mr. John Mannion, Mr. Paul Hongo, citizens and police officers.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Approval of Minutes: Regular Monthly Meeting May 25, 2010

A motion was made by Commissioner Krebs to accept the minutes of May 25, 2010 as received, seconded by Commissioner Saddig. All in favor. Motion carried

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Civitello to accept the Departmental Reports as received, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. All in favor. Motion carried

Chairman Brow commented on the Chiefs report regarding the recommendation for commendation for Officer Robert Nappe and Officer Shawn Hatchell. Chief Nappi explained that the recommendation goes to Sergeant Kammerer, who is on the Commendation Committee, to be reviewed and acted on.

Chairman Brow also commented on the Retirement of Officer John Kenney, Sandra DePoto from the record room and Mr. Paul Cadorath from maintenance. He thanked them for their time and service to the Town of

East Haven and the Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Modena: Addressed the board asking them how should he proceed with getting on the Tow List

Chairman Brow stated that the Town Council is in the process of enacting an Ordinance.

Attorney Cofrancesco added that the Town Council was awaiting a report from the Sub-Committee and that the Town Ordinance would supersede the Town Policy. She encouraged him to monitor the posting of the Town Council agendas, to see when they would be having a Public Hearing on this Ordinance.

Mr. John Finkle: Addressed the Board and commented that the position of the Deputy Chief was filled pending Town Council funding. He stated that several positions in the department were not going to be filled.

Chairman Brow explained that the positions are not currently filled at this time.

Mr. Hongo explained that he has started the initial frame work between the Town and Mr. Mannion and it will be addressed before the next Town Council meeting scheduled for July 6, 2010. He went on to say that nothing has been formalized yet and once it is formalized he will share it with everyone.

Officer Robert Nappe: Asked if it was possible that the public comment section of the meeting could be done later on so that comments can be made at the end of the meetings. He believed it was in Roberts Rules.

Chairman Brow responded that the Agenda has been set up for years this way, but they would take it under consideration.

Officer Nappe also asked if there was any definite action regarding the roadwork in Branford.

Chairman Brow stated that this has nothing to do with the Board, it's the City of Branford, and asked the Chief for input.

Chief Nappi responded that Branford was to set up a meeting with him. The Chief in Branford made the decision along with their town attorney regarding road work. Chief DeCarlo has not contacted me in regards to this issue to date.

Officer Nappe asked if there was open communication and the Chief responded there was.

Officer Nappe asked if the Harbormaster position can be reviewed.

Chairman Brow suggested that he go to whomever has jurisdiction, to put him in that position.

Officer Nappe commented that he was happy to see that the Board and others are putting every effort into the department and was happy to see that the leadership of the department is trying to progress itself with a Chief and Deputy Chief. He stated this was a time for a good change and if the respect works up and down the chain of command, it will be good.

Ken McCay, Minority member of the Town Council addressed the board and commented that he was at the Town Councils Administrative meeting and the Deputy Chiefs position was not on the Agenda. Unless the agenda is made today, it's not true.

Mr. Hongo commented that he spoke to Mr. Dougherty, Chairman of the Town Council, and asked him to entertain putting this item on the Agenda. Mr. Hongo said that he wanted to make sure he had a complete package to address it.

Mr. McKay asked how could the public comment on things added to the Agenda.

Chairman Brow stated that the format has been in place for many years and that the Board would take it under consideration and thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Hongo stated that the format of Public Comment is the same on many of the boards and they have followed it for many years.

Sergeant Frank Montagna, President Local 1662 addressed the board and stated that regarding DARE, that the previous DARE officer did nothing wrong as intimated in last month's meeting.

Correspondence Received/Sent

1. Melissa Jemielly: Regarding Stop signs on Borrman Road
2. Wanda Irizarry: Regarding concerns of speeding on 222 Grannis Street
3. Mark Argentino: Compliments Chief Nappi, Officers Sorbo and Maio.
4. The Family of Jane Trench: Thanking the Board for its donation

Committee Reports: The Policy Committee is on hold and there was no report on the Building and Grounds committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and act upon the Retirement of Officer John Kenney to become effective 7/5/10
Officer Kenney is requesting Supernumerary Status.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Civitello to accept the retirement of Officer John Kenney to become effective 7/5/10, seconded by Commissioner Saddig.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Nappi explained when a Supernumerary Police Officer is utilized. He also stated that he highly recommends Officer John Kenny. Officer Kenney was a dedicated officer and a credit to the Police department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krebs to grant Officer John Kenny Supernumerary status at the East Haven Police Department, seconded by Vice-Chairman Civitello. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion/action regarding Grievance No. 2010-3 Local1662
Police Union

A motion was made by Commissioner Krebs to take Grievance No. 2010-3 under advisement and a response will be made in the allotted time, seconded by Commissioner Saddig. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Discussion/action regarding Grievance No. 2010-4 Local1662
Police Union

Union President Sergeant Montagna explained that other officers were denied overtime while this officer was on the desk.

Mr. Hongo stated that the issue on hand is pending investigation and that he is committed, until he gets the outcome of the investigation.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Civitello to deny Grievance No. 2010-4 and send it to the next step, seconded by Commissioner Saddig. All in favor.

4. Discussion/action regarding Grievance No.2010-5 Local 1662
Police Union

A motion was made by Commissioner Krebs to deny this Grievance, seconded by Commissioner Saddig. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Discussion/action regarding change in uniform.

The Chief and president of the union Sgt. Frank Montagna agreed to withdraw it from the agenda. Sgt. Montagna stated he would enter into negotiations with the Chief if necessary.

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

Chairman Brow adjourned meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Williams, Secretary