

**HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 25, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.
EAST HAVEN SENIOR CENTER, 91 TAYLOR AVENUE, EAST HAVEN, CT**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Lou Crisci, Vice-Chairman Jose Velazquez, Commissioner Joseph Civitello, Commissioner Paul Constantinople.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Brent Larrabee, Deputy Chief John Mannion, Detective Robert Ranfone President Local 1662, Attorney Lawrence Sgrignari and Attorney Joseph Zullo.

3. To consider and act upon the approval of the minutes: May 28, 2013

A motion was made by Commissioner Constantinople to accept the minutes of May 28, 2013 as received, seconded by Vice-Chairman Velazquez. All in favor.

4. To consider and act upon the monthly reports: June 2013

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Velazquez to accept the June reports as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Civitello. All in favor.

Commissioner Civitello asked when the board would be getting a more detailed report. Chairman Crisci also questioned the motor vehicle violations.

PUBLIC COMMENT No public comment.

Committee Reports: No committee reports.

Correspondence:

1. Thomas Fenton Re: Resigning as a supernumerary at the East Haven Police Department.
2. Joseph Polio Re: Kennedy Field on Maplevale Road

The Chief commented that Mr. Polio had requested a sign which was placed and then he wanted it moved.

PERSONNEL REPORTS

Injured on duty/long term illness/vacancies/table of organization:

The Chief reported that we have 2 officers off on long term injury duty, there are 3 vacancies in the patrol level, the Youth Detective is still open and funded and the Inspectors position is not funded.

Internal Affairs: The Chief reported that there are four internal affairs cases pending, with one that just came in that day. He also stated that two of them are mostly about how persons were spoken to and they were sent back to the Supervisors.

Consent Decree Update:

A motion was made by Commissioner Civitello to table this item until Attorney Sgrignari arrived, seconded by Vice-Chairman Velazquez. All in favor.

Labor Negotiations: The Chief commented that they have met a number of times. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2013. There has been some progress but they are moving along at a slow pace.

Overtime-normal overtime and overtime driven by the Consent Decree: The Chief stated that the department would be spending more than 1 million dollars on overtime, which much was generated by the consent decree. He also commented that we have one officer who just graduated from the police academy, which they must do 400 hours of training. Two officers are still in the academy. The Chief also commented that he believed that there will be no more transfers this year. Monies will be derived from monies in salaries and from storm Sandy. He also mentioned that a great deal of vacation time was taken.

Commissioner Civitello questioned if a vacation list went up at any time and how can you run a schedule with a 50 plus department.

The Chief responded that they have provisions in place to offset everyone taking vacations at the same time and also that they cannot carry over business days or vacation days into the next fiscal year, unless they were out on a long term injury.

The Chief informed the board that since December 21, 2012 when the Consent Decree was signed we have used up approximately 91,000 in overtime.

OLD BUSINESS

Grievance 2013-05 tabled May 28, 2013

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the filling of the Youth Detective position. Most of the discussion was regarding the Juvenile Review Board. The Chief stated that many Juvenile Review Boards do not have to have a police officer present. He stated that it would be easier to hire a new general detective and have the five detectives there presently split up the juvenile duties.

Chairman Crisci stated that his concern was whether the Chief was crossing any lines. The Youth Detective would make sense Commissioner Crisci commented but questioned if the Liaison has to be a detective.

Chairman Crisci read the Grievance at this time.

Detective Ranfone disagreed and commented that his concern was with having detectives share the job working with kids which could become a back burner issue when the department encounters a bigger case.

Commissioner Civitello commented that the town does little as it is for the kids and he felt it was short sighted.

At this time Detective Ranfone and Chief Larrabee stepped away and went into the kitchen for two minutes.

The Chief upon his return stated that he felt they came to a happy agreement and we can end this for the time being.

A motion was made to table this item by Commissioner Constantinople, seconded by Commissioner Civitello. All in favor.

A motion was made at this time to go into Executive Session by Vice-Chairman Velazquez to discuss the Consent Decree update with Attorney Sgrignari, Attorney Zullo, Chief Larrabee, Deputy Chief Mannion and the commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Civitello. All in favor. Time 7:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Velazquez to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Civitello. All in favor. Time 7:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Call for Police Officer Grade C Civil Service List

The Chief stated that a letter would be sent to the Civil Service Commission asking for 3 positions for Grade C Police Officer.

A motion was made to add Grievance No. 2013-06 to the Agenda by Vice-Chairman Velazquez, seconded by Commissioner Civitello.

The Chief asked that this Grievance be tabled inasmuch as Attorney Kolb would like to be present and speak on it. (He was on vacation at this time)

Detective Ranfone commented that he would be willing to table Grievance 2013-07 but would like to have 2013-06 acted on.

The Chief commented that it not be talked about in public inasmuch as an ongoing criminal investigation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Civitello to table Grievance No. 2013-06 and Grievance No. 2013-07, seconded by Vice-Chairman Velazquez. All in favor.

Commissioner Civitello spoke about bicycle safety in the center of town. He stated that a lot of young people on bikes are all over the center of town and he feared they could be hit by a vehicle.

He commented on two young people who were on the lower roof of St. Vincent's and were ready to jump while another youth was going to video it. He talked to them and they complained that they have nowhere to ride their bikes.

Detective Ranfone commented that Officer Vecellio and Officer Brockett have been entering names in the computer of the offenders and that the parents have been notified. They have a running log.

The Chief also mentioned that ATV's and the motorcycles.

Attorney Zullo commented that a proposal came before the Town Council regarding a park and splash park and recommended that the Board contact the Public Safety Committee of the Town Council. Commissioner Civitello volunteered to make the contact.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Velazquez to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Civitello. All in favor.

Chairman Crisci adjourned meeting at 8:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

VIRGINIA WILLIAMS