

EAST HAVEN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
EAST HAVEN SENIOR CENTER

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

1. Roll Call:
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Brent Larrabee, Deputy Chief John Mannion, Attorney Joseph Zullo, Officer Nappe Vice-President Local 1662, Lt. Ed Lennon, Det. Paul DeCrosta, ETV Videographer, candidates and citizens.

Officer Nappe thanked Chairman Crisci for mentioning the passing of Retired Officer Dick Moscato.

4. To consider and act upon the approval of the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting on August 27, 2013.

A motion was made by Commissioner Illingworth to approve the minutes of August 27, 2013 as received:

Chairman Crisci asked that the minutes be corrected as follows: Page 3: Chairman Crisci asked for comments from the board, should be changed to Chairman Crisci asked for a motion from the board. Seconded by Commissioner Constantinople. All in favor. Motion carried

5. To consider and act upon the approval of the monthly reports for August 2013:
A motion was made by Commissioner Illingworth to approve the monthly reports for September as received, seconded by Vice-Chairman Velazquez. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Officer Nappe addressed the board and commented about the hazardous conditions that exist on Chidsey and Main Street. There have been numerous accidents there and in particular one that recently happened with a motorcyclist. He suggested that it be cut back to the way it was.

The Chief commented that this has been discussed with the Mayor's office, public works and the town engineer. It will be very expensive to change the corner.

Commissioner Constantinople commented that it must be fixed due to the liability the town may incur. Chairman Crisci stated that he will be writing a letter to the Town Engineer regarding this problem.

7. Correspondence Received/Sent

1. Julie DelGuidice: Resigned from Supernumerary status.

8. Personnel Matters: Injured Employees, Overtime, Contract Negotiations, General Status update:

Chief Larrabee addressed the board with the following: In the table of organization we have 53 officers. Two positions are open, an Inspector and a Sergeant, but not funded. 50 positions are being funded.

There are 6 on long term injury. One could be back at the end of the week and another in two or three weeks. One officer is on suspension, 1 DARE officer, 5 are on training, one going to DEA and another is out on family leave. We are working with 34 bodies (including himself and the Deputy Chief) which leaves actually 24 in patrol. We will probably exceed the overtime spent from last year. The Chief said that there seems to be no relief with the exception of the 5 officers in training. Officer Moriarity and Fitzgerald have 360 hours to go in training and we have 3 at the academy. We need 5 to come back by March or April. Hopefully we can keep the overtime down.

The Chief mentioned that we have only one detective working at the present time and that he has re-assigned a Sergeant to work in the Detective Bureau. He also stated that the men and women of the department have done an exception job working some 16 hours at a time. We may have to in the future prioritize some calls. He also stated that at the present time we still have to fund dispatching.

Chairman Crisci asked how long he felt the officers can hold up on 16 hours a day.

The Chief responded that there hasn't been very much sickness and we hope to get officers back from injured on duty status.

We had tried to hire certified officers, but the list was very short and they didn't feel that there were any viable officers on the list.

The Chief stated that regarding the contract negotiations, we are pretty much on hold.

Old Business

Regarding the MPP Hearing: The union business days were resolved and also the grievance regarding the drug investigation was withdrawn and the officer who did not get paid has been made whole.

The Chief commented on the Juvenile Review Board and stated that he was in tune with the sentiments of this board and asked the board to call for a Youth Detective/Detective test. He said it couldn't be made right away but at least the test will be in place.

Chairman Crisci asked for a motion to request a test from Civil Service asking for a Youth Detective/Detective test.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Velazquez to send a letter to Civil Service requesting a test for the position of Youth Detective/Detective at the East Haven Police Department, seconded by Commissioner Illingworth. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. New Business

- b. To consider and act upon the hiring of (1) Confidential Secretary at the East Haven Police Department. (Interviews to be conducted in Executive Session)

The Chief reported that the three candidates who were interested were interviewed. Since then, one of the candidates withdrew. Civil Service will give us 2 more names (two candidates tied) and if they are interested will be brought before the board at the next regular meeting.

- a. To consider and act upon the hiring of (1) One Recruit Police Officer Grade C at the East Haven Police Department. (Interviews will be in Executive Session)

A motion was made by Commissioner Illingworth to go into Executive Session to review the candidates for the position of Grade C Police Officer at the East Haven Police Department, included in Executive Session will be the Commissioners, the Chief, the Deputy Chief, Atty. Zullo and Lt. Lennon, seconded by Vice-Chairman Velazquez. All in favor. Time: 7:20

Orlando Lanzante went into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Came out at 7:30 p.m.

Mark Modine went into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. Came out at 7:36 p.m.

Ryan Michalowski went into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. Came out at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Illingworth to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Vice-Chairman Velazquez. All in favor. Time: 7:57 p.m.

Chairman Crisci thanked all the candidates for coming this evening and mentioned that there was only one position open at the present time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Illingworth to hire Ryan Michalowski as a Grade C Police Officer at the East Haven Police Department to become effective on September 30, 2013, seconded by Vice-Chairman Velazquez. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Illingworth to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Constantinople. All in favor.

Chairman Crisci adjourned meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Virginia Williams
Acting Clerk