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**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Monroe, Connecticut**

**Regular Meeting
Minutes
December 14, 2016**

The Monroe Board of Police Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on December 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Training Room of the Monroe Police Department.

Present: Commissioner Gary Scrofani
Commissioner Edward Deak
Commissioner William Florin
Commissioner Jim Bresnahan

Absent: Chairman Ron Villani

Also Present: Chief John L. Salvatore
Captain Keith White

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Scrofani opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m. and noted that all *Board* members were present this evening, except *Chairman Villani*, who had another commitment this evening.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 16, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Salvatore was in receipt of a letter, dated November 16, 2016, from a Wild Horse Court resident wishing to thank *Officer Ryan Proulx*, as well as our dispatchers, for the assistance he received when he was suffering a major heart attack back in August.

Chief Salvatore also was in receipt of a memorandum received from *K-9 Officer Loomis* advising that due to health and age issues, he would need to retire *K-9 Gunner* from active duty, effective January 19, 2017.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Activities and Program Measures: *Commissioner Bresnahan* asked about the 152 motor vehicle infractions. *Chief Salvatore* stated that these consist of tickets and fines being issued.

Training: *Commissioner Bresnahan* asked about the Mental Health First Aid for Law Enforcement training. *Chief Salvatore* explained that this course trains officers to recognize certain changes in behavior in their fellow officers, so they can be addressed before potential problems arise.

Commissioner Bresnahan asked how many members on the Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team (SWRERT) were from Monroe. *Chief Salvatore* stated that currently there were three. The target number for the *Department* is five. The Overtime Tactical budget covers the SWRERT members, as well as the *Department's* Urban Search and Rescue team member.

Commissioner Scrofani commented on the recent accreditation assessment. *Chief Salvatore* stated that the *Department* received very favorable comments in the post-assessment interview from the accreditation team that conducted the assessment. The Police Officer Standards and Training Council should be voting on the *Department's* re-accreditation status in January. The next assessment would be in four years.

Commissioner Deak asked about Walmart's policy of allowing recreational vehicles to park in its parking lot overnight and whether there was a Town ordinance in this regard. *Chief Salvatore* stated that he will need to discuss this with the Town's Planning and Zoning Department.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Commissioner Florin commented on the increase in motor vehicle stops from last month and asked whether this was intentional. *Chief Salvatore* stated that it was most likely due to the

recent "Click-It or Ticket" campaign run last month, as well as the other Department of Transportation grants in which the *Department* participates, including DUI and Distracted Driving patrols.

Commissioner Florin also commented on the suspicious vehicle statistics and asked whether these were driven by complaints. *Chief Salvatore* stated that this number reflects both complaints and incidents called in by an officer. There was some discussion as to how the statistics are generated.

BUDGET

A. Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Chief Salvatore reported no issues with the current budget.

B. Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Chief Salvatore stated that after the draft budget was sent to the *Board*, he met with First Selectman and Director of Finance. A few new accounts were added, including the creation of accounts dedicated specifically to training, fuel for vehicles and equipment for the *Department*, Animal Control Unit and Park Ranger, and separate heat and electricity accounts for the Animal Control Unit. Items included in the Emergency Fund-Schooling Account will now be split between the Operating Expense Account and the new Training Account. *Chief Salvatore* also reminded the *Board* that the draft budget does not reflect salary increases for police officers, whose contract expired on June 30, 2016, or the clerical or supervisor union employees, whose contracts expire on June 30, 2017. An updated draft budget will be emailed to the *Board*.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update Regarding Body Cameras.

Captain White stated that the testing of the Safety Vision body cameras has concluded. Cameras for field testing have been requested from WatchGuard. There was some discussion regarding storage and the possibility of a state-funded, non-profit group that is developing a system using fiber-optic lines for storage capabilities. *Commissioner Scrofani* asked about other towns in the state that were using body cameras. *Chief Salvatore* stated that Branford implemented them a while ago, and Hamden has just begun using them.

B. Discussion Regarding Draft Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Chief Salvatore stated that the Strategic Planning Committee has not met since the last *Board* meeting. As soon as the next meeting is scheduled, the *Board's* comments and suggestions will be presented and discussed, and an update will be provided to the *Board*.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: E. Deak

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:07 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and to invite Chief Salvatore and Captain White.

Second: J. Bresnahan

Discussion: None.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

At this time, the *Board* entered into Executive Session. Executive Session ended at 8:13 p.m. and the Regular Meeting continued.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned by *unanimous consent* at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board of Police Commissioners

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Attachment