

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
Mayor Harry W. Rilling
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CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling, Chairman; Commissioner Charles Yost

STAFF: Chief Thomas Kulhawik, Deputy Chief Ashley Gonzalez,
Officers in attendance for recognition as noted.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 22, 2017 AS SUBMITTED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Dave O'Connor spoke as the Union President and thanked the Commissioners for their support with the contract negotiations. He noted that they were done not in a vacuum but efforts were collaborative in a way that builds consensus and all efforts were appreciated. He then spoke on a personnel matter regarding an officer that resigned following a leave of absence amidst personal strife and difficult circumstances. He noted that there was a letter submitted to the Commissioners requesting consideration of re-employment. Mayor Rilling noted that he just received the letter and documents today and suggested that the Chief meet with Officer Robert Zwillich.

May Officer of the Month – Detective John Bell

Chief Kulhawik referred to the incident report and summarized the work in an untimely death of a 22 year old female. He noted that Detective Bell is being recognized for efforts and actions in

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exceptional investigative work to unravel the truth and obtain arrest for the responsible party who confessed in the crime.

Mayor Rilling commented on the importance of the exemplary work that goes above and beyond, and in this case to give solace and a sense of justice to the families.

Detective Bell was congratulated and presented with a certificate and photographs were taken for the newspapers.

Operations Report

Chief Kulhawik reviewed the following reports:

Patrol Staffing: There was no change from last month reports, four openings remain;
Background checks are in progress, waiting for information from New Haven.

Selective Enforcement: There was a drop in car stops, but based on the traffic study this is a result of how infractions are reported and written up.

Commissioner Yost asked about the actual report and Chief Kulhawik explained that the data is in Crystal Reports, but there needs to be training for staff to access the information. Mayor Rilling suggested they meet with IT and have Karen DeVecchio assist with training to better utilize the data.

Administrative Report

Deputy Chief Gonzalez referred to the Training reports as contained in the agenda packet and fielded questions and comments.

Personnel Matters

Tuition Reimbursement: Sergeant Jared Zwickler, Officer Kelly Haddy

Commissioner Yost noted that the reimbursement paperwork appeared to be in order, and recommended reimbursement approval.

- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR SGT. ZWICKLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$826.25.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER HADDY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,182.50.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Contractual Increases for Chief and Deputy Chiefs

- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE SAME TERMS AS OUTLINED IN POLICE UNION #1727 CONTRACT FOR THE POLICE CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEFS.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Knox
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