

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
Mayor Harry W. Rilling
Commissioner Charlie L. Yost
Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 17, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons; Commissioner Charles Yost

STAFF: Police Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief James Walsh

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:15PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting.

A change on page 2, first paragraph, 'patrolman' should be changed to 'patrolmen'.

A change on page 2, second paragraph, 'three' should be changed to 'there'.

A change on page 2, third paragraph, omit 'is' in: "...Counselor training is was also held."

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 19, 2018 MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Recognition

November Officers of the Month – Officers Anthony del Pino, Andrew Roncinske and James Barron

As stated in a memo dated December 10, 2018, Chief Kulhawik informed the officers that: "You were selected because of your attention to detail and observational skills that resulted in the apprehension of a felon in possession of a firearm."

Mayor Rilling also offered his congratulations and commended their remarkable job. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons commented on how professional and consistent the officers were in their service.

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Commissioner Yost commented that he loves when this happens; it truly shows how everyone comes together.

The Officers came forward and were offered congratulations by the Board. Pictures were taken and the officers received certificates.

Citizen recognition – Mr. Juan Garcia and Mr. Donald Remson

Mayor Rilling also recognized the good works of several citizens.

In a memo dated December 10, 2018, Chief Kulhawik reported the “heroic actions of Mr. Garcia and Mr. Remson in immediately intervening in this apparent suicide attempt....”

The citizens came forward, except Garcia that was not present, to receive a certificate and take photos.

PROMOTIONS

Sergeant Jared Zwickler to Lieutenant

Detective Tomasz Podgorski to Sergeant

Mayor Rilling announced two promotions. A ceremony and oath for promotions was performed. The Officers came forward and accepted their promotions.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Walsh reported that staffing was at 179 personnel; the same as October. There were two patrolmen vacancies. Officer English was on extended military leave. Residential burglaries was significantly down. There were three robberies and three sexual assaults reported.

There were no significant operations/events to report.

A report of current investigations/initiatives was provided.

The Board discussed an ongoing flooding issue with the Marine Police base; which is being rented. The lease could potentially be vacated with six months notice. Mayor Rilling also discussed marine boat parking and potential charges; and possibly moving the gate house.

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There is an ongoing attempt to reach out to the Coast Guard regarding the auxillary building; which belongs to City. Mayor Rilling believed that there is space for both parties. It should also be made more secure.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh provided the Selective Enforcement report.

Mayor Rilling noticed many people were seemingly 'running' red lights. Mayor Rilling asked to focus on this issue.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

November Training Report

Deputy Chief Zecca reported that training was at the end of the review credit cycle. A report on training courses held was provided; which included accident reconstruction, firearms and driver training.

Personnel Matters

1) DROP Request – Officer Monica Billingslea

Chief Kulhawik reported that Monica Billingslea submitted paperwork to drop her service with the Norwalk Police Department. The paperwork and application were in order.

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP REQUEST OF OFFICER MONICA BILLINGSLEA
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2) Request for course approval – Sergeant David Orr

Chief Kulhawik presented an application for course approval from Sergeant David Orr. Chief Kulhawik explained the course is to continue for a Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice. This was a routine course approval.

****COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE APPROVAL SERGEANT DAVID ORR
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

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Chief Kulhawik presented complimentary letters this month.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Program Donation

Chief Kulhawik said the Department was exploring getting a drone. Toward this end, a donation was received in the approximate amount of \$22,000; which funded the entire program.

Mayor Rilling recommended to action the item and authorize the funds acceptance.

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED THE DRONE DONATION TO AN ACTION ITEM.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE CHIEF KULHAWIK'S ACCEPTANCE OF
THE DRONE DONATION IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$22,000.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Detective test is scheduled for February, 2019.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is January 28, 2018 at 4:15PM.

ADJOURNMENT

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

BMS
Telesco Secretarial Service

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