

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

**CITY OF NORWALK**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 28, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Charles Yost; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

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

OTHERS: Lieutenant Roncinske, Sergeant Orr; Sergeant Paulino; Detective Thompson; Detective Lapak

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons called the meeting to order at 4:40PM. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public attended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2018**

On page 4, change "COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE DRONE DONATION FROM AN INFORMATIONAL TO AN ACTION ITEM" TO "MOVING THE DRONE DONATION FROM AN INFORMATIONAL TO AN ACTION ITEM."

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## RECOGNITION-DECEMBER OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

(Lt. Lieutenant Roncinske; Sgt. Orr; Sgt. Paulino; Det. Thompson; Det. Marquis; Det. Lapak)

Chief Kulhawik said that on December 10, 2018 the department was notified by the Offer-up website that there was a posting for a child for sale and were told that the IP address of the account was a Norwalk based location. Upon receiving that information the Special Victims Unit along with computer assistance from Sgt. Paulino were able to quickly locate the residence of the person and had removed the child and two other children that were in the apartment and were found to be living in conditions as they described as unhealthy and unsafe. There is no doubt because they worked so quickly that had removed the children from a very dangerous situation. Mayor Rilling said that they had done an amazing job and that it can be very challenging locating IP addresses and this was a very serious case and he commended everyone involved for diligently pursuing it. Sgt. Orr said that they had also removed a cat from the residence and had it delivered to PAWS and they had named the cat after him.

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

## OPERATIONS REPORT

### **Patrol Staffing**

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for 2017/18 staffing remains the same at 179. There were two promotions and that Sgt. Jared Zwickler was promoted to Lieutenant and Detective Thomas Podorski was promoted to Sergeant. One Officer is on extended military leave. Mayor Rilling asked when he will return. Deputy Chief Walsh said supposedly in July. Three Officers remain on extended workmen's compensation.

### **Selective Enforcement Report**

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant incidences and said that for motor vehicle burglary there were 15 which is up slightly from November. There were no overdoses for December, homicides remain at zero, and there were three robberies. Infractions were up slightly in December and blocking the box is still at zero and they are waiting for the intersection on North Avenue, France Street and Westport Avenue to be painted so they can begin enforcement. He said that DUI's were up by 11 from November and overall infractions were up slightly and that there have been 5,072 infractions for the year.

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Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant operations and events and said that the annual Christmas Party was held and that the stuff the cruiser toy donation was a huge success. He said that they had also staffed security at various holiday ceremonies.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the current investigations and initiatives and said that Community Policing had increased patrols because there was a spike in commercial burglaries and they are targeting construction trailers. He said there was an issue with Washington Village with squatting and the Officers had determined that the squatters were able to manipulate the heat and they were able to make one arrest and worked with the Housing Authority to secure the building. There was also a rash of office burglaries along East Avenue corridor and the Detective Bureau is pursuing a suspect based on DNA recovery. The Special Services Division had arrested Xavier Midel on an outstanding warrant for burglary and he was also a suspect in a night time residential burglary in Westport. He had four sets of keys on him which led to the recovery of four stolen vehicles in Norwalk.

Chief Kulhawik reported on the Detective Bureau year end comparisons for 2018 vs. 2017 and most everything was down for 2018 compared to 2017 with the exception of motor vehicle burglaries and overdoses.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

### **Training (December)**

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said it includes the regular review credit cycle and annual firearms qualifications which took up a lot of the training department's time in December. She said the one training class of note is the Mental Health and first aid for Law Enforcement and is a new class and the goal is to have everyone trained within the three year cycle and Sgt. Gulino has been trained as the instructor.

## PERSONNEL MATTERS

Tuition Reimbursement – Deputy Chief James Walsh

Chief Kulhawik said that Deputy Chief Walsh has submitted all the required documentation and that it is a standard reimbursement.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES WALSH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,447.50.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Course approval- Officer Daniel Vazquez

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Chief Kulhawik said that Officer Daniel Vasquez is requesting course approval for Public Policy and Principals of Public Administration. He said that Officer David Vazquez is also seeking approval for tuition reimbursement.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW FOR OFFICER DANIEL VAZQUEZ.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\*COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD COURSE APPROVAL FOR PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FOR OFFICER DANIEL VAZQUEZ.**

**\*\*COMMISSION YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE APPROVAL FOR OFFICER DANIEL VAZQUEZ FOR COURSE PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD THE APPROVAL OF TUITION REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR OFFICER DANIEL VAZQUEZ FOR PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,425.00 FOR OFFICER DANIEL VAZQUEZ FOR PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COURSE.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Course approval- Officer Edgar Gonzales

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons requested that on the request for tuition reimbursement forms that the date of the course approval be included.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE APPROVAL FOR OFFICER EDGAR GONZALES FOR COURSE POLICING IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD THE APPROVAL OF TUITION REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR OFFICER EDGAR GONZALES FOR CRIME CAUSATION AND DEVIANCE AND CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2790. 00**

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## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### Expansion of Community Policing

Chief Kulhawik said that as of January 1, 2019, Community Policing was expanded by one officer and the districts were reorganized and they had made one personnel change. Officer Salley is now the Rowayton Community Police Officer and Officer Lovallo is now the East Norwalk Community Police Officer and that they have expanded the areas for the other officers and it is working well so far.

### 2018 Sick Time Attendance

Chief Kulhawik said that the following police and civilian personnel who have had perfect attendance for the calendar year 2018.

- Deputy Chief Susan Zecca
- Sgt. Lee Young
- Sgt. Rafael Fonseca
- Sgt. Shannon Sherry
- Off. Michael Silva
- Officer Stephanie Howard
- Civilian Lynn Sullivan
- Dispatcher Michael Nealy

Mayor Rilling requested that a letter from Chief Kulhawik and the Board be put into their personnel file.

### Complimentary Letters

Chief Kulhawik said that he had received complimentary letters for Officer Mancini; Officer Cornell; Officer Salley; Michael Docimo; Officer Serrano and Richard Duddie.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION- DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION, HEALTH OR DISMISSAL OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ENTER INTO  
EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE  
APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION, HEALTH OR  
DISMISSAL OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 5:10PM

Executive session ended at 5:29PM

There was no action taken.

5:29PM The Commission returned from Executive Session. While in Executive Session no motions were made and no votes were taken.

**\*\*MOTION BY COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS TO OFFER ENTRY LEVEL  
EMPLOYMENT TO KRISTIN CURRAN.**

**\*\*THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd