

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
Mayor Harry W. Rilling
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CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 23, 2019

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:47PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2019

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS- DROP REQUEST OFFICER MIKE COTE

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**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RECOGNITION-JUNE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

(Lieutenant Art Weisgerber)

Chief Kulhawik said that in June there was an arrest made in the homicide case of Kathleen Flynn as a result of all of the work that Lieutenant Weisgerber did for the past 15 plus years. Chief Kulhawik acknowledged his hard work and dedication.

Mayor Rilling said he could not express enough how thrilled his was to receive the call that an arrest was made. He said the homicide occurred in 1986 and changed life for a very long time for the citizens of Norwalk and he thanked Lieutenant Weisberger on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners and the City of Norwalk.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons said she is always amazed at Lieutenant Weisgerber commitment and determination to the cases and she is very proud of him.

Commissioner Yost said that Norwalk is very lucky to have Lieutenant Weisgerber and thanked him for all of the good work he does.

Lieutenant Weisgerber came forward and was offered congratulations by the Board. Pictures were taken and the Lieutenant Weisgerber received a certificate.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for the month of June and there are currently 176 sworn personnel; there are currently three vacancies in patrol and Detective English has returned from extended military leave and is currently in training. Deputy Chief Walsh said that one Detective remains on light duty and four officers remain on extended worker's compensation for extended injuries.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant incidents and said that there were eight burglaries of motor vehicles which have decreased from last year; there were no residential burglaries and one

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commercial robberies for the month; and there were two overdoses but none were fatal and both are being investigated.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant operations and said that Special Services culminated an investigation into Dominic Sandalo whom was found in possession of 16 pounds of marijuana, 500 grams of cocaine and dozens of fentanyl pills. He said that \$53,000 was seized as asset forfeiture and that Mr. Sandalo was subsequently indicted by the D.E.A. on federal narcotics charges. He said that there was also an arrest of a fugitive who was wanted out of Vermont on outstanding robbery charges and he was located in a stolen motor vehicle and was apprehended after a lengthy foot chase.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that 322 infractions were issued for the month of June which is slightly down from the month of May.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training (June)

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said that most of the training for the month was annual review credit training and annual firearms training and of note Detective Maloney had attended a fraud investigation training, and there was a TECC training held which is a more advanced practice shooter in terms of medical response and worked with fire and EMS in an incident command structure.

Deputy Chief Zecca said that the entry level test for Police Recruitment will be held on August 3, 2019 and will be held at Brien Mc Mahon High School.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Course Approval Master's Degree- Deputy Chief Zecca

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE FOR MASTER'S DEGREE FOR DEPUTY CHIEF ZECCA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Course Approval Master's in Public Administration- Officer Daniel Vazquez

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**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE FOR MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FOR OFFICER DANIEL VAZQUEZ.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Tuition Reimbursement – Officer Daniel Vazquez

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFFICER DANIEL VASQUEZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1410.00**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Tuition Reimbursement – Deputy Chief Walsh

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPUTY CHIEF WALSH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1447.50.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a letter the Animal Control Division for caring about the residents and giving their all to the job.

Chief Kulhawik said that complimentary post on Facebook for Officer Yang and two other officers who had responded to a trespasser on their property.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a complimentary letter from the Principal of Columbus Magnet School for Officer Pauldine for showing mutual respect while on a traffic stop.

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Chief Kulhawik said that he received a letter for Sergeant Tolnay for his hard work and persistence with the Flynn investigation.

Chief Kulhawik said that Lieutenant Blake was contacted by the Darien Police Department thanking Officer Kalamara for sitting in on the interview panel for the SRO.

Chief Kulhawik said that Lieutenant Blake was contacted by Reverend Revell of the building committee and the Canaan Institutional Baptist Church thanking Sergeant Calise, Sergeant Gulino, Detective Marquis, and Officer Kalamara for their assistance with the repairs at the Elliott residence on Henry Street.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received two letters thanking the Marine Unit for their bravery and professionalism that they had demonstrated on June 30, 2019 during a violent storm.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a letter from Ms. McDermott thanking Officer Sgritta for assisting her with a medical emergency on July 5, 2019.

Chief Kulhawik said that Lieutenant Roncinske thanking Sergeant Paulino for assisting the Fairfield Police in a high profile case of municipal corruption.

Chief Kulhawik said that Deputy Chief Zecca received an email from Assistant Chief King of the Norwalk Fire Department thanking Officers Nieves, Lusniak, Figueroa, and Sergeant Kruger for their actions on an overdose call.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a letter from Sharon Price of the Grace Farms Foundation thanking Sergeant Sofia Gulino for leading the Rape Aggression Defense class at Grace Farms.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd