

**CITY OF NORWALK  
POLICE COMMISSION  
&  
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2008**

**ATTENDANCE:** Daniel O'Connor, Chairman; Mayor Richard A. Moccia, Commissioner Peter Torrano

**STAFF:** Police Chief Harry Rilling, Deputy Chief Thomas Kulhawik

**OTHERS:** Lt. William Lowe, Off. Garrett Kruger, Hal Alvord, DPW, Frank Favano, Harold Cobin, The Hour, Frank McKearnan, The Hour, John Nickerson, Norwalk Advocate

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

Chief Rilling introduced Police Chief Dan Boring of Culpepper, Virginia. Chief Boring is the Team Leader of the assessment team that is here evaluating the department's compliance with the CALEA standards. They arrived on Saturday and began a full day of work on Sunday. Chief Rilling announced that at 7pm this evening, there will be a public information session to hear comments from the public about the department's compliance with the standards. After they leave on Wednesday, they will make a full report to the commission about their findings and will be reviewed for re-accreditation in March.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2008 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**

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

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY AGENDA NEXT.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER O'CONNOR SECONDED.**

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

## **TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**

### **A. Newtown Avenue, “No Parking Anytime” Signs**

Mr. Alvord reviewed the request with the Commission.

- \*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE “NO PARKING ANYTIME “SIGNS ON NEWTOWN AVENUE AS PRESENTED BY MR. ALVORD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- \*\* COMMISSIONER O’CONNOR SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **B. Reversal of One Way Designation – Haviland and Elizabeth Streets**

Chief Rilling reviewed the request with the Commission. Coming out of the NPD driveway on the South Main street entrance, you either have to make a left or a right hand turn and traffic is horrendous at all times, specifically, rush hour. Chief recommends that we be allowed to go directly across onto Elizabeth Street which is now prohibited because it is a one way street going in a westerly direction. This would facilitate a smoother flow out of the driveway. A reversal of the one way direction of Haviland Street would be required.

Chief Rilling will make a formal request to the Traffic Authority to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **C. Handicap Parking regulations**

Chief Rilling reviewed this item with the Commission. Chief proposes that the handicap fine for parking in front of a sidewalk cut-out ramp for handicap access be made the same as parking in a handicap parking space.

Chief proposed that he would request of the State Legislature that they enact a photo ID process for state handicap stickers. Chief stated that he had observed this type of identification for handicap stickers in other jurisdictions and he feels that it would be a good idea and would prevent people from burrowing handicap stickers from other individuals.

The Commission then returned to the Police Commission Agenda.

## **POLICE COMMISSION**

### **NOVEMBER TRAINING REPORT**

Chief Rilling briefly reviewed the November Training Report with the Commissioners.

**NOVEMBER OFFICER OF THE MONTH**  
**(Off. Garrett Kruger)**

Officer Kruger was presented to the Board as the November Officer of the Month for his response to a suicide attempt at 7 Commerce Street. Off Kruger successfully disarmed a disturbed individual who as wielding a knife and threatening to kill himself. This is Officer Kruger's third nomination since joining the department in 2005.

The Commissioners then presented Officer Kruger with a Certificate for his excellent work on this case.

**PROBATIONARY OFFICERS**  
**(Off. Jordan Oliveira, Off. Michelle McSally)**

These 2 officers were recently appointed and sworn in by the Mayor on December 5th, 2008. Their background is very impressive and we are very fortunate to have them. They are now at the Police Academy in Meriden.

**ACCEPTANCE OF ASSET FORFEITURE FROM SPECIAL SERVICES**

- \*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ASSET FORFEITURES FROM SPECIAL SERVICES AS LISTED.
- \*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PERSONNEL ORDER NO. 08-32**  
(Scuba Team)

Chief Rilling then briefly informed the Commission about the officers who recently joined the Scuba Team.

**PERSONNEL ORDER NO. 08-33**  
(Suspension)

Chief Riling briefly informed the Commission on this suspension order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- \*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS.
- \*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commissioners, Police Chief Rilling and Deputy Chief Kulhawik entered into executive session at 4:35 p.m. to discuss matters concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of public officers or employees.

Executive Session ended at 4:51 p.m.

- \*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MADE A MOTION THAT IN LINE WITH PAST PRECEDENT THAT SINCE THE UNION WILL BE RECEIVING AN INCREASE THAT DEPUTY CHIEF THOMAS KULHAWIK ALSO RECEIVE A COMMENSURATE INCREASE. MAYOR MOCCIA RECOMMENDED THAT WE HAVE A CONTRACT AMMENDMENT DRAWN UP FOR \$106,000 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009.**
- \*\* COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED WITH A COMMENT THAT IT'S ONLY APPROPRIATE SINCE WE LOST OUR SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF. WITH THE SAVINGS WE'LL BE RECEIVING FROM THAT POSITION THE INCREASE IS PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

Madeline Randall  
NPD

