



EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr.

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

471 NORTH HIGH STREET

EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT: Chairman William Illingworth (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Eduardo Torrealba, Commissioner Paul Carbo

COMMISSIONER(S) ABSENT: Commissioner Dawne Flynn

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief James Naccarato, Citizens, ETV Videographer

Chairman Illingworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)

Chairman Illingworth asked that the four Houston police officers remain in our thoughts and prayers while they recover from injuries sustained in ambush-style attack on January 28, 2019.

5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular monthly meeting minutes of November 27, 2018

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to accept and approve the regular monthly meeting minutes of November 27, 2018 as received; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon the approval of the monthly reports (December 2018 and January 2019)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations

- a. Alarms Committee

Commissioner Carbo has spoken with Bob Parente (Director of Public Services) regarding the alarm system at the old high school. Director Parente indicated that it has been fairly quiet lately and the property will be turned over to the developer very soon.

- b. Supernumeraries Committee

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro has nothing at this time.

c. Traffic & Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Torrealba noted an email concerning the intersection of North High Street and Route 80 (State road). He visited the area and does not believe any action is necessary at this time. Chief Lennon also mentioned that the CT DOT has conducted a lot of analysis at this intersection due to pedestrian versus vehicle accidents and they determined that no traffic light was necessary. In the last few years, the Fire Department has put up chains across their parking lot to prevent people from parking and crossing Route 80 in front of the church to reduce the number of pedestrian incidents.

8. Public Comment

a. Anthony Gambardella (76 Hughes Street) – Follow up on his traffic concerns presented at the October 30, 2018 meeting:

- i. Traffic blocking Hughes Street at the light on Main Street – request for signs or a “DO NOT BLOCK THE BOX” lettering on the road or other resolution.
- ii. Forbes Place and Kimberly Avenue traffic signal/stop signs. – Chairman Illingworth reiterated that CT DOT prohibits the Town from installing any signage/lights that interrupts the flow of traffic coming off of Frontage Road.
- iii. Additionally, requesting a stop sign on Hughes Street going up at the corner of Cass Street (onto Hughes) to curtail the high volume of delivery drivers and speed conditions. The body shop on the corner uses Hughes Street to charge their batteries and jump-start their vehicles.

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to defer to the Traffic and Public Safety Committee for further review; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Travis Digiovannantonio (128 Hughes Street)

- i. Excessive speed on Hughes Street.
- ii. Main/Hughes Street – Parking within 25-feet of corner (at laundromat). Chairman Illingworth stated that this could be enforced. Also, the two entrances at laundromat are also an issue with traffic on the street. Planning & Zoning would be the Commission to address that issue.

c. Steve Reynolds (61 Iver Avenue)

- i. Request for signage (under each stop sign at either end of the street) addressing the dog excrement along the sidewalk, street and yard – PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

a. Superintendent Erica Forti (East Haven Public Schools), dated December 17, 2018

Chief Lennon requested this be added to “New Business.” Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to add this to the agenda under “New Business” item 11.b.; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

Three (3) sworn personnel currently out on long term injury/medical leave (including two from the May 2018 SWAT incident in North Haven) – no update on return status; one (1) sworn personnel returned to full duty; one (1) sworn personnel on light duty.

b. Overtime

Overtime is up to cover shift vacancies due to injured employees.

c. Awards & Commendations

The Committee has submitted recommendations for several awards. We will begin processing the awards and provide an update at the February or March meeting.

d. Noteworthy News

e. Old Business

11. New Business

- a. Discussion and approval of revised policies effective February 12, 2019: 415.6 (Domestic Violence), 416.6 (Domestic Violence Involving Police Personnel), 440.2 (Victims of Domestic Violence Whose Immigration Status is Questionable) and 441.2 (Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program)

Chief Lennon explained that the majority of updates are in compliance with State statute and to meet our CALEA accreditation requirements.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 415.6 (Domestic Violence) with an effective date of February 12, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 416.6 (Domestic Violence Involving Police Personnel) with an effective date of February 12, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 440.2 (Victims of Domestic Violence Whose Immigration Status is Questionable) with an effective date of February 12, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 441.2 (Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program) with an effective date of February 12, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Superintendent Erica Forti (East Haven Public Schools), dated December 17, 2018 – Request to establish Wheelbarrow Lane and the driveway adjacent to East Haven High School as a school zone and set the speed limit at 15 mph.

Chief Lennon made a recommendation to approve Superintendent Forti's request. Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to establish Wheelbarrow Lane – starting at the cul-de-sac (coming off of Route 80) and the driveway adjacent to the high school – as an enforceable school zone with posted 15 mph; seconded by Commissioner Carbo. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Illingworth asked about redoing the speed bumps. Chief Lennon will make the suggestion to Superintendent Forti.

Chairman Illingworth asked if the State DOT project to eliminate the “blend in” lane coming out of there was still on. Chief Lennon believes it is, have not been notified otherwise.

12. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. Chairman Illingworth adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

[Audio recording on file – duration 33:01 minutes]