



# EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

471 NORTH HIGH STREET • EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06512

Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr.

Honorable Board of  
Police Commissioners

## HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

471 NORTH HIGH STREET

EAST HAVEN, CT

**COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT:** Chairman William Illingworth (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Dawne Flynn, Commissioner Eduardo Torrealba

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Edward Lennon, Stephen M. Sedor, Esq. (Pullman & Comley, LLC), Joseph Coppola (Assistant Director of Administration & Management, Town of East Haven – Mayor's Office), Officer Shawn Moriarty, John M. Walsh, Jr., Esq. (Licari, Walsh & Sklaver, LLC), Citizens, ETV Videographer

Chairman Illingworth called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular monthly meeting minutes of July 30, 2019

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the regular monthly meeting minutes of July 30, 2019 as received; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon the approval of the monthly reports (August 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
  - b. Police Personnel Committee
  - c. Traffic & Public Safety Committee

Chief Lennon provided an update on 12 Seneca Trail regarding an unauthorized traffic sign erected on Town property. At this time, it is unactionable pending clarification of property zones (may actually be private property) – it is very close to the line, difficult to make a full determination. The complainant has been notified of the status and attempts to contact the resident have been

unsuccessful. Commissioner Torrealba commented that the Zoning Enforcement Officer can issue a warning and/or require a permit. Chief Lennon stated that this matter does not fall within the zoning regulation. The original complaint was reported to the Zoning Department without resolution, thereby it was then submitted to the BOPC.

8. Public Comment

- a. Suzanne Pellegrino (119 Bradford Avenue) – Ms. Pellegrino presented a drawn diagram of the dangerous turn the Ginnetti tractor trailer trucks make on Hemingway Avenue (Route 142) referenced in the meeting of July 30, 2019. Chairman Illingworth deferred this matter to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for further review.
- b. Karen Martin (15 Oak Grove Road)
  - i. Questions about beach parking; resident-only parking stickers distributed with tax bills; and littering. Commissioner Torrealba explained that this issue was brought up in length at the last BOPC meeting and was deferred to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for further review. He also asked Ms. Martin for a specific proposal for a solution to the parking issues at the Town beach. Ms. Martin suggests limited parking on the streets in the surrounding beach area – a three-block radius, citing other towns that have issued resident-only parking stickers.
  - ii. Seeing a lot of golf carts on streets near the beach without license plates; Chief Lennon commented that there is a provision within a certain distance from the beach that does not require a license plate.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- a. Gayle Alessandroni (45 Elm Street), postmarked August 6, 2019 – Speeding up the street from Dunkin Donuts; heaviest in the morning and evening until about 10PM. Suggests a speed bump in the middle of the street to stop the racing.

Chairman Illingworth called for a motion to defer this to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review; so moved by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Lennon commented that the speed trailer has been set up on Elm Street to determine how much traffic and the incidents of speeding.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

- a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees
  - i. Four (4) sworn personnel remain on long term injured status
  - ii. Additional personnel matter will be addressed under agenda item 12.a.
- b. Overtime – Consistent with this time last year even with annual wage increases and recent Department-mandated trainings over the last two weeks.
- c. Awards & Commendations
- d. Noteworthy News – Would like to thank Branford, North Branford and North Haven police departments for their mutual aid for a recent unfortunate incident in our town.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a. Request certified Sergeant list from Civil Service

Chief Lennon noted there is currently one (1) vacancy and anticipates another vacancy or two before the current list expires.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to request a certified Sergeant list from Civil Service; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider and act upon removing Officer Moriarty from the injury duty list and payroll, and separation from service

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to enter into executive session for the following purposes:

- i. To discuss the employment and/or dismissal of a Town of East Haven police officer pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A);
- ii. To discuss and review documents related to collective bargaining matters pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-200(6)E and 1-210 (h); and
- iii. To review and discuss personnel and medical records of the police officer who is the subject of this discussion pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-200(6)E and 1-210(b)(2).

The Board invites Attorney Stephen Sedor, Chief Lennon, AD Joseph Coppola, the officer who is the subject of this discussion and Attorney John Walsh into executive session; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive session commenced at 7:21 PM and concluded at 8:07 PM.

Chairman Illingworth called for a motion to resume public session; so moved by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion that the BOPC hereby moves as follows:

- i. This matter is hereby continued to the November 2019 regular meeting;
- ii. No later than the November 2019 regular meeting, the officer who is the subject of this discussion shall submit medical evidence of his ability to return to full duty, or shall be subject to potential severance from employment pursuant to Article 6, Section 6 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and
- iii. No further continuances.

Seconded by Commissioner Flynn. Three (3) in favor, one (1) abstention. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. Chairman Illingworth adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado  
Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

*[Audio recording on file – duration 20:32 minutes]*