



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

JUNE 26, 2018 AT 7:00 PM
471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Paul Carbo

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief James Naccarato, Professional Standards Officer Robert Brockett, Citizens

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)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular monthly meeting minutes of May 29, 2018

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to accept and approve the regular monthly meeting minutes of May 29, 2018 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 (June)

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

7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations

- a. Alarms Committee
- b. Supernumeraries Committee
- c. Traffic & Public Safety Committee
 - i. Kristen Fiengo (39 Tyler Street Extension) (via email dated May 31, 2018) – Request for “No Parking Here to Corner” sign at the intersection of Tyler Street Extension and Hemingway Avenue on the left/even side of the street.

Commissioner Torrealba surveyed the area and his recommendation is that this is an enforcement issue (no parking within 25 feet of a stop sign, crosswalk or intersection) and no additional signage is necessary. Clerk Maldonado will reply to Ms. Fiengo with the Committee’s determination.

8. Public Comment

- a. Linda Abbott (53 Laurel Street), Jeff Fletcher (281 Laurel Street), Debbie and Tim Henley (250 Laurel Street) – Residents continue to express serious concerns about heavy thru traffic, excessive speeding, stop sign violations, motorcycles racing and trucks using Laurel Street as a cut-through to Interstate 95 and Route 80. Very dangerous especially now with children out of school for the summer. Request for a dedicated traffic division to address ongoing traffic issues and to enforce the “No Thru Trucks” signs.

Chief Lennon stated that we do more traffic enforcement on Laurel Street than any other street in Town.

Commissioner Torrealba commented that the common denominator is poor human behavior and that is difficult to regulate. Studies indicate that excessive signage only creates a false sense of security and accidents actually increase. Perhaps consult an attorney to seek civil action against repeat offender neighbors.

- b. Jim Harding (84 Catherine Street) – Member of the Cosey Beach Neighborhood Association; similar traffic concerns as Laurel Street. In the process of drafting traffic proposals and plans to submit to the State. Also, there are conflicting speed limit signs on both sides of Hemingway Avenue into Coe Avenue going towards the beach. Parking continues to be an issue in the beach area and surrounding streets.

Chairman Illingworth noted that Traffic & Public Safety Committee has made many efforts to address the parking problems on Cosey Beach Avenue. Commissioner Torrealba recommends calling dispatch for enforcement.

Deputy Chief Naccarato commented that he recently met with Joe Deko and Doug MacDonald to discuss beach issues. Plans include painting curbs to match the north and south on Cosey Beach Avenue; motorcycle and speed enforcement throughout the Town; Bike Unit to monitor the beach area on the weekends, weather permitting; more patrol visibility and social media announcements.

- c. John Wobensmith (93 Cosey Beach Avenue) – Fireworks are supposedly illegal in Connecticut but for the last several weeks they have been set off all times of the day, increasing in the days leading up to the Fourth of July.

Deputy Chief Naccarato noted that not all fireworks are illegal and encouraged calling dispatch for excessive noise disturbances.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters

b. Injured Employees

- i. Four (4) sworn personnel out on injury/medical leave to include three (3) SWAT members from the May 2 incident in North Haven. There is no update on a return to duty date.

c. Overtime

- i. Overtime is up due to excess vacation and increased call volume – this is our busiest time of year, May to August. However, we expect to cover overtime deficits within our budget at the close of FY1718.

d. Awards & Commendations

- i. Madison PD – Recognizing Sergeant Joseph Mulhern for his work involving the SWAT incident in North Haven on May 2, 2018.
- ii. East Haven Chamber of Commerce – The Police Athletic League (PAL) received their non-for-profit of the year and Sergeant Brochu, who runs the PAL program, was featured in the national publication *Law Enforcement Police Magazine*.
- iii. Connecticut Police Chiefs Association – K9 Officer McGuire and K9 Ace received the prestigious Daniel Wasson Award for excellent service, hard work and diligence.
- iv. East Haven Rotary Club – Public Safety Award to the East Haven Operators and Support Staff of the South Central Regional SWAT Team – there are eight: Sergeant Craig Michalowski, Sergeant Anthony Rybaruk, Sergeant Joseph Mulhern, Sergeant Benjamin “Paul” DeCrosta, Detective Jeffrey Valette, Detective Joseph Finoia, Officer Luke Rasile and Officer Joseph Carangelo. We are extremely proud of their extraordinary performance and the bravery they demonstrated in the North Haven incident on May 2, 2018.

e. Noteworthy News

11. Old Business

12. New Business

a. Request Detective List from Civil Service Commission

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to request a Detective List from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Request Police Officer – Grade C Certified Lateral Transfer list from Civil Service Commission

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to request a Police Officer – Grade C Certified Lateral Transfer list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. Chairman Illingworth adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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