

## OLD SAYBROOK POLICE COMMISSION

Special Meeting

June 6, 2018

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Old Saybrook Town Hall.

**Present:** Chairman Moran, Vice Chairman Von Dassel, Secretary Shippee, Commissioner Reid, Glowski and Keeney. Chief Spera and Lieutenant DePerry were present from the Department of Police Services.

### I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Moran called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. Minutes

#### A. April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Commissioner Glowski made a motion to approve the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Secretary Shippee seconded the motion to approve the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion to approve the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.**

Commissioner Glowski asked the Commission if they would agree to moving Agenda item # 7 public comment to Agenda Item # 3. He stated that it would be beneficial for the public who came to comment to do so in the beginning. The Commission agreed to move Public Comment to Item # 3.

### III. Discussion and Possible Action to Enter into an Anticipated Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing a Request for a Change in Status for Patrolman Tanner and to Interview Candidates for vacant Patrolman Trainee Positions.

Chairman Moran made a motion to enter into Executive Session inviting Chief Spera and Lieutenant DePerry to participate in it. Commissioner Glowski seconded the motion. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

The Police Commission entered into Executive Session at 7:05 PM.

Patrolman Tanner entered at 7:23 PM

Patrolman Tanner exited at 7:27 PM

John Baldino entered at 7:43 PM

John Baldino exited at 7:58 PM

Justin Hanna entered at 8:04 PM

Justin Hanna exited at 8:12 PM

Chairman Moran made a motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion. The motion to exit Executive Session passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

The Police Commission exited Executive Session at 8:27 PM.

IV. **Discussion and Action on the Change in Status Request by Patrolman Tanner**

Commissioner Glowski made a motion to accept Patrolman Tanner's resignation and appoint her to a per diem position. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

V. **Discussion and Action on the Appointment of Patrolman Trainees to fill current vacancies**

Commissioner Keeney made a motion to hire John Baldino pending successful completion of a medical and agility test at a date to be determined by Chief Spera. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion. The motion to hire John Baldino passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

Commissioner Keeney made a motion to hire Justin Hanna pending successful completion of a medical and agility test at a date to be determined by Chief Spera. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion. The motion to hire Justin Hanna passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

VI. **Executive Reports**

A. **Administrative**

1. Personnel Report

Chief Spera stated that Patrolman White and Patrolman Palmieri have both passed field training and have become assets on the schedule. Two more will be graduating from the academy next week and will begin the internal academy which yielded great results. He also thanked the field training Officers for their dedication.

2. Correspondence

Chief Spera passed around the correspondence that the Department received.

VII. **Comments from the Public**

A member of the Public stated that over the Holiday weekend she approached the checkpoint and was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence. She stated that she deals with the public all the time and that she gave three breathalyzers and that she is a single mother and that the arrest has jeopardized her job and that she has lost pay. She said that approaching a checkpoint can be nerve wracking and stated that a softer approach from the Police Officers is needed.

VIII. **Comments from the Chief of Police**

Chief Spera stated that the Department has been very busy and that he applauded everyone for their dedication on cases and how hard everyone is working.

IX. **Comments and/or Concerns from Commissioners**

Commissioner Glowski stated that he attended the DARE Graduation and that he stated the Chief interacts really well with the kids. He was very impressed he said. He also stated that his hat goes off to

LT McDonald as he is teaching four classes DARE at the middle school and he does it well and with a smile. He stated that he was very happy he went and glad to see other Commissioners there too.

Commissioner Keeney stated that LT McDonald is a credit to the Department. He stated that he and the Chief lived up to the expectation for that event. He said he's very proud to be part of the town and this Commission. He also stated that he doubts that any other Chief is as active in the DARE community like Chief Spera is.

The Commission discussed putting together an agenda for the next meeting.

The Commission decided that at the next meeting the agenda would have one item Discussion and possible action on Police Commission goals in 2018.

X. **Adjournment**

Chairman Moran made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Glowski. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

*The next regular Police Commission meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the first floor conference room at the Old Saybrook Town Hall.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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