

SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 19, 2014

The regular meeting of the Suffield Police Commission was held on March 19, 2014 at 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT.

Present: Chairman, Kevin Armata, Vice Chairman, and Kenneth Pascoe.

Commissioners: Matt Joyal, Jeff Davis, and Jack Quinn.

Also Present: Chief Michael Manzi, Captain Craig Huntley, and K-9 Officer Osowiecki.

Absent: Linda Stevenson, Clerk, and Karen Doyon, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Armata called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

In the absence of Clerk Stevenson, Commissioner Joyal read all correspondence into the record; they were as follows:

- Thank you letter from Mrs. Jodie Davis, in appreciation for the help she and her husband received when their car broke down. The officer who assisted them was Officer Dabkowski.
- Thank you letter from Bob Stanley, addressed to Officer Christopher Richards for his help with an incident at his home.

PUBLIC INPUT - None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Armata asked if there were any changes to the minutes of February 19, 2014. With none, Commissioner Joyal made the motion to accept the minutes of 2/19/2014, seconded by Vice Chairman Pascoe. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Budget: Captain Huntley presented the Budget with notable comments made on the added line items. Captain Huntley commented that the budget is on track with hopefully no hidden expenses in the near future. Brief discussion followed.

Activity Report: Commissioner Davis noted that the activity percentage number was off on one of the line items reported. Chief Manzi acknowledged.

Detective Report: Chief Manzi commented on the investigations Detective Fuller has been working on since his assignment to detective bureau. Chief Manzi then updated the Commission on training classes that Detective Fuller was assigned to attend.

K-9 Report: *There was not report submitted in the packet.* K-9 Officer Osowiecki gave a verbal report to the Commission. Chief Manzi commended Officer Osowiecki for his work

setting up, running, and reporting on the Suffield Police Department Citizen's Academy classes. When the classes ended, everyone received a certificate for participation. Commissioner Quinn made the motion to accept the department reports as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

CHIEF'S REPORTS

Items offered in Chief Manzi's report and items added to his report were as follows:

- The Chief read some of the notable items he reported on.
- Commissioner Joyal made comments about the License Plate Reader [LPR], that our department is regionally a part of. Commissioner Quinn asked if it's an invasion of ones rights. Chief Manzi explained that it was not an invasion of ones right due to having a license and the ability to drive in the state of CT; it is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, there is no expectation of privacy on this issue.
- Commissioner Joyal asked about a possible K-9 search [sniff] conducted at our schools. Chief Manzi and Officer Osowiecki stated that the school would approach the Police Department should they require one.
- Chief Manzi informed the Commission of our newly hired part-time dispatcher Steve Hall.
- Chief Manzi updated the Commissioners regarding Officer Sargent's [injury] worker's compensation claim.

Commissioner Joyal made the motion to accept the Chiefs report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Joyal asked about how the budget process was going. Chairman Armata commented that the process was going well, and did not want to overstate or understate his optimisms. The consensus is that the selectman and board of finance are receptive to the numbers presented.

Chairman Armata commended Chief Manzi for giving an excellent presentation to the Board of Finance, and thanked Vice Chairman Pascoe for all his work.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

With nothing further, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the March 19, 2014 regular Suffield Police Commission meeting, at 7:59 pm.

(Signature-Chairman Armata)