

Suffield Police Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Dec. 19, 2012

The Regular meeting of the Suffield Police Commission was held on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 at Suffield Police Headquarters, 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, Ct.

Present were Chairman Matt Joyal, Commissioners, Kenneth Pascoe, Kevin Armata, John Zavisza and Gary Paganelli. Commissioner Linda Stevenson was absent. Also present were Chief Michael Manzi, Officer Peter Osowiecki, and recording secretary Karen McKown.

Mr. Joyal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Joyal read & distributed a few pieces of correspondences:

- To Chief Manzi and the Police Association, from First Lego League, a thank you for a contribution, aiding them in their robotic competition.
- To Officers Osowiecki, Fuller and Dabkowski from the Golec family thanking them for assistance with a juvenile matter.
- To Chief Manzi from the Waterford Police Dept., thanking him for allowing Officer Osowiecki and K9-Z to participate in an Oct. 18 search of the Waterford High School.
- To Chief Manzi and Suffield Police Commission from Paula Pasco of the Suffield Senior Center thanking them for their support and sponsorship of the annual holiday party. Over 110 seniors attended and stayed afterward to play bingo, which offered a number of terrific bingo prizes. This party took place today.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, October, 2012

There wasn't a meeting held in November

Mr. Paganelli motioned to accept the October minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Pascoe and approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Discussion was held regarding payroll, moneys available due to an officer's and secretary's short term disability. There was also a deduction of money due to an unemployment issue.

The Chief reported that the vehicle repair & maintenance line item is down to \$6,000. There will be a sale of 2 cruisers in the coming months that will add between 6,000 to 8,000 dollars back into the line item.

Discussion was held as to the very high cost of vehicle maintenance. Though there is more money going into preventive maintenance, repair costs that include around \$90.00/hr. for labor are very high.

The Chief reported that on Dec. 5th, a new cruiser was ordered, available near the end of February, or early March. The new cars are arriving fairly well equipped which lowers the cost of changeover, from old cruiser to new. The cost is \$27,400.

ACTIVITY –

Noted in Chief's report

K-9 – Officer Osowiecki has finally received a locker for his vehicle, an item long time coming. Officer Osowiecki has attained National Accreditation Narcotics Detection Trainer status. He is one of 27 in the country. Peter is to be commended for all the hard work he has put into the K-9 program. With the addition of the safe locker, Peter's K-9 program is in DEA compliance.

DB - No comment

Mr. Zavisza motion to accept the department reports as presented, seconded by Mr. Paganelli, and carrying by unanimous vote.

CHIEF'S REPORT.

Mr. Zavasza motioned to accept, with Mr. Paganelli seconding, all of the Chief's report as presented except for any Commissioner's questions or comments. Mr. Joyal called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Chief wanted it noted that, even though the statistical report may show November as being a quiet month, there were, in fact some very significant arrests. Among them were Sexual Assault in the First Degree, Injury or Risk of Injury of a Minor, Sexual Assault in the First Degree, Homicide with a Motor Vehicle, 2 juveniles and 1 adult arrested for larcenies of computers from Spaulding School. The Chief offered his congratulations to Officers Antrum and Nelson for their hard work on the Spaulding case. The Chief also stated the person who struck and killed a pedestrian on Bridge Street was arrested. It appears she was distracted by being on a cell phone when the accident occurred. Chief Manzi said the

same thing was apparent during a fatal motor cycle accident on South Grand Street. He is very concerned about drivers who continue to drive while talking on their cell phone.

Chief Manzi said a good lead has developed regarding the theft of copper wires that are used on telephone support lines. Thieves are using power tools to cut into these wires.

Dispatcher Daniel Spedding has received a conditional offer of employment as a police officer in Middletown. His vacancy will be posted, according to the contract. Part time dispatcher Millie Webster has submitted an application to come on full time. Another part time town employee wishes to come on board as a part time dispatcher, but is receiving difficulty as the town is stating two part time jobs = 1 full time job, even though the dispatch position is less than 20/weeks.

*** End of Chief's report. Chief Manzi's full report is attached to these minutes***

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Pasco reported that the senior party held today, sponsored by the Community Liaison Officer, was a great success. Chief Manzi, Officer Kiselback, Officer Antrum, Dispatcher Robins were all there and they put on a nice event for the people who attended. The bingo prizes were very special and so much appreciated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30pm Mr. Paganelli motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, At 8:20pm. the Commission returned to regular session and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Recording Secretary

Matt Joyal, Chairman

Karen McKown

