

**MADISON DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES  
REGULAR MEETING – January 7, 2016  
COMMUNITY / TRAINING ROOM – 5:30 PM**

Attendees: Chairman Eric Thornburg; Commissioner Marietta Lee; Commissioner Thom Cartledge; Vice Chairman Ed Dowling; Commissioner Garry Gyenizs

Also Present: Chief Jack Drumm; Board of Selectmen Liaison Al Goldberg; Sgt. Joe Race

Absent: Board of Finance Liaison Joe MacDougald; Town Engineer Mike Ott

**CALL TO ORDER**

Opening and Call to Order at 5:39 PM by Chairman Thornburg followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Thornburg noted the Commission had just conducted a very good interview with a prospective candidate for the Department.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman Thornburg said there were some governing issues for the positions of chairman, vice chairman and recording secretary to be addressed.

**MOTION** by Cartledge, second by Dowling to nominate Eric Thornburg for the position of Chairman of the Board of Police Commission based on the successes we have achieved. Mr. Thornburg accepted. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

**MOTION** by Cartledge, second by Thornburg to nominate Ed Dowling for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Police Commission. Mr. Dowling accepted. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

**MOTION** by Dowling, second by Gyenizs to nominate Marietta Lee for the position for Recording Secretary of the Board of Police Commission. Mrs. Lee accepted. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman Thornburg welcomed Mr. Goldberg.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Dowling, second by Cartledge to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2015. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

• Budget / Financial Report:

Chief Drumm reported we are on track with exceptions in overtime and backfill for overtime for Zeidenberg and Alonso; that money will be received from CIRMA (\$11,000). We pay the part-time officers out of that line; will do a special appropriation. Construction overtime is \$57,627 which will be paid into the account line when billed.

We have worked out the bugs from the Phase 1 system. Phase 2 is the tower project for \$1.8MM; he met with the CIP (Capital Improvement Program Committee) this morning on Phases 2 and 3 (radios). We will send the proposal to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. The Chief discussed 2 spread sheets which encompassed the needs assessments presented to the CIP for both fire departments and the ambulance association. The CIP would like the 5 year plan to be presented to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. Next week he will meet with the site engineer for the Ridge Road area; we do not want to go to the old site because we need a bigger base than the Arts Barn provides. We hope to complete Phase 2 within 5-6 months. Chairman Thornburg said we've talked a lot about equipment, renovations, etc., and asked to discuss the service of delivery to the fire departments. Chief Drumm said the dispatchers feel like part of a team; he and Ed Brunt meet daily. He can see the dispatchers like the direction we are going. He spoke to adding an additional dispatch position since it is not

safe to have one dispatcher alone on the midnight shift. He also sees it as positive with the fire departments - we have franchised the dis-enfranchised. The fire chief told him we have come a long way. Chairman Thornburg is excited about CALEA accreditation for Dispatch. We have not diminished the infrastructure but as we make progress we are getting better at the 'day job'. Chief said they are responding to the team.

Chairman Thornburg asked Mr. Goldberg if there is any feedback from fire and ambulance departments; Mr. Goldberg painted a very positive picture. Chairman Thornburg concluded, we are working to support all the efforts to make the integration with the service chiefs a success.

- **Activity / Statistics:** 91 Alarms, 61 of which were Burglary; 25 were 911 calls, 13 were fire alarms; 38 Suspicious Vehicles; 12 Suspicious Persons; 82 Criminal Investigations with 14 In-custody Arrests; 5 Involuntary Committals; 2 K-9 Assists; 11 Animal Nuisance complaints; 2 Animal Bites; 0 Juvenile Missing; 0 Juvenile Alcohol; 0 Juvenile Narcotics-related; 0 Juvenile Complaints; 33 Fingerprint requests; 126 R-1 First Responder calls (first on scene).

*If you see something suspicious, call the Police Department; that's how we catch criminals.*

- Training for the month of December was highlighted by Sgt. Race and included: Officer Alonso attended a week of recertification, spent a day at the driving simulator in Milford and on the road with Lt. Tom Madera of Eastern State University who assisted her with the police SUV and sedan. He made suggestions as to her position in the car(s).

Officer Gonzalez went to accident reconstruction training and has been accepted onto the Shoreline Team of Accident Reconstruction which includes Madison, Branford, East Haven, North Haven and North Branford. This is extensive training; we need more members on the reconstruction team. For a major accident, members from the Shoreline Team come out to lend their expertise in the assessment. The team has the equipment to recreate an accident scene. Commissioner Dowling asked if the team is called in immediately. Chief said our two team members rotate (Baxter and Gonzalez) to be on call.

Sgt. Race reported, in a hallmark moment on our PowerDMS, we have the opportunity for officers and dispatchers to study each other's policies on missing persons; every member went through that training. Next week will be ethics training.

Mrs. Christie Hodge, Chief Drumm's Executive Assistant, was asked to speak to this year's Food and Toy Drive. She highlighted the number of families and children in Madison which benefited greatly again this year due to the generosity and kindness of members of the community. Sixty turkeys were delivered by officers to the Surf Club for distribution by the Food Pantry to senior residents of town and we also donated everything to make a complete Christmas meal. The surplus of toys was brought by officers and staff to the Toy Closet of the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital and 225# of food was collected and contributed to the Madison Community Services Board. Additionally, we were again very proud to be able to donate turkeys to the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Food Pantries which serves shoreline communities.

**TRAFFIC UPDATES:** Town Engineer Mike Ott not present

Chairman Thornburg asked if there is a trend in statistics and activities. Chief Drumm said he is very cautiously watching the migration of activity of recent burglaries; there was DNA left at one scene. During the holidays a lot of kids are home; some may be drug dependent. During the holidays there is an increase in committals; a lot of referrals. The main concern is speeding; he would like to be able to slow people down. Speed enforcement is successful while in place but once officers move to another area, speeding picks up again by the schools, on Rte. 1, etc.

Mr. Goldberg will bring to the attention of the First Selectman some traffic sign concerns. Chairman Thornburg added, maybe we can help get the resources he needs.

Chairman Thornburg commented that the Berlin Police Department has removed officer body cameras; are there any ramifications for us? The Chief said officers are trained to save what is relative to the case. There is an outsourcing service to handle FOI requests. There was a discussion about the release of footage gathered during a stop, etc., based on the officer's body camera. Next month a policy will be proposed to set a fee/charge for someone who requests an FOI camera stream for body camera activity.

When asked by Chairman Thornburg if it was his conclusion the body cameras are good for us, Chief Drumm said they are worth their weight in gold. There have been no complaints. Sgt. Race added the footage is valuable for reviewing DUI stops for accuracy. It was a knee jerk reaction by Bridgeport to not have department cameras.

Commissioner Gyenizs asked if first responders carry NarCams. Chief said no, but portions of the state do.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Update: Communications 911 Center

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gyenizs: None

Commissioner Dowling: During the CALEA process it was very helpful that there was a calendar ending with the survey date. He asked Sgt. Race to lay out the calendar to help understand the timing.

Commissioner Cartledge: None

Commissioner Lee: None

#### **CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Lee was congratulated by Chairman Thornburg on her reappointment to the Board of Police Commissioners. Chairman Thornburg announced Al Goldberg will continue as our liaison with the Board of Selectmen; Joe MacDougald will be the Board of Finance liaison and will attend the next meeting.

**MOTION** by Cartledge, second by Dowling to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:24. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Present:** Chairman Thornburg, Commissioners Cartledge, Lee; Gyenizs; Dowling

**Also Present:** Chief Drumm

**Discussed:** Union request to extend contract for 4 years; will be negotiated  
Captain and lieutenant promotions; discussed procedure / process  
Various personnel issues

#### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Return to Open Session at 6:45 PM

**MOTION** by Gyenizs, second by Dowling to approve to adjourn at 6:45 PM. All in favor. None opposed. So moved.

Minutes accepted: February 11, 2016

