

Suffield Police Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Nov 19, 2008

The regular meeting of the Suffield Police Commission was held on Wednesday, Nov 19, 2008 at Suffield Police Headquarters, 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, Ct.

Present were: Chairman Don Miner, Commissioners Jack Quinn, Linda Stevenson, Matt Joyal, Peter Hill and John Zavisza. Also present were Chief Michael Manzi, Capt. David Bourque, and Recording Secretary Karen McKown

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Miner.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Miner quickly read through the following correspondence:
- To Suffield Police, from the family of Ernestine Colson a thank-you for the funeral escort provided them
- To Chief Manzi & Capt. Bourque from Debi Delgaudio, a thanks to Officer Dabkowski and Lt. Huntley for their assistance with an evading motor vehicle accident.
- To Chief Manzi from Windsor Locks Police Chief John Suchocki expressing thanks for assistance at the time of the funeral for W.L.P.D. Officer Ken Kersias.
- To Chief Manzi and Lt. Huntley, from David Bahlman thanking them for quick response to his concerns about traffic on Main St.
- An Email to Chief Manzi from Doug Lloyd, Columbia, Md. thanking the department for assistance with his elderly father.
- To Officer Antrum from Porter & Chester Medical Students, thanking him for his assistance with their safety night.
- To Capt. Bourque from Suffield Daisy Troop 10966, thanking him for his assistance so that they can earn their "magenta petal" for respect of authority. Capt. Bourque solicited Officer Antrum's assistance for this.
- To the Commission from the Ct. Association of Commissioners, a notice of their next meeting.
- To Janet Frechette from Chief Manzi, a cover note for a donation to them from the Police Association, to their food bank.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Ms. Kim Gagnon, of 425 So. Grand St. W. Suffield asked to address the Commission regarding what she felt was information on some of our police records that are detrimental to her. After stating her case, Mr. Miner asked her if she realized she was speaking in an open meeting that was being recorded and that some of her issues might be better served in a different forum, such as meeting with himself, the Chief

and the Captain, privately. Ms. Gagnon's issues are not of a criminal nature. She agreed she would meet privately within the next few days. Ms. Gagnon left the meeting at 7:20.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

October – no meeting held

September 18, 2008 – Ms. Stevenson said, page 1, last sentence under “correspondence” change from “involving her husband” to “involving her mother”.

Mr. Quinn motioned to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, and approved by all.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Zavisza stated that all of the department reports have been given to the commission, prior this meeting. Therefore, **he motioned to accept the department reports as presented**, barring any questions the commissioners might have

Discussion – Mr. Miner asked if the report for fiscal year 2007/08 was the final report for that year. Capt. Bourque stated it was. Mr. Hill asked if the current overtime budget would be sufficient. He was told it would be. Chief Manzi said one officer is coming from short term disability, and one officer is returning from a worker's comp injury. This leaves the department down 1 officer instead of 3. **Mr. Hill seconded Mr. Zavisza's motion which carried unanimously.**

BUDGETS

Capt. Bourque distributed a DRAFT/preliminary of the 2009/2010 budget proposal, which requires finalization for the selectman by 12/1.

Discussion was held regarding the percentage of increase for the upcoming year, touching on vehicle purchases, among other items. The percentage of increase is 3%.

He also stated the Board of Selectman has asked for a projection of the 2010/2011 budget, and the Captain cautioned that it is going to be a tough budget year for the town.

Discussion was held regarding plans for a required radio upgrade, based on a F.C.C. mandate. It is planned to upgrade the system over the course of 3 years.

At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Joyal motioned to go into executive session for a personnel issue and on ongoing investigation. Mr. Hill seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Chief Manzi and Capt. Bourque and Karen McKown were present for executive session. Note** Mr. Miner had to leave the meeting at 8:30 due to a family emergency. Vice Chair Quinn took over the meeting at that time.

At 8:50 p.m., the Commission returned to regular session.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Manzi's report is included in the Commission packet. He briefly talked about a Suffield School teacher was brought in a sample of moon rocks from NASA; a scam that was being run by inmates in a Chicago prison; a recent Connecticut Supreme Court case that could have had a negative impact on

routine police practice had it not been overturned by Connecticut's highest court and a visit to Suffield by Ct. Governor Rell.

The Chief commended Officers Kieselback and DePietro for their actions in apprehending 2 people attempting to shoplift baby formula from the CVS.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CHAIRMAN COMMENT - None

At 9:04, **Mr. Hill motioned to adjourn**, seconded by Ms. Stevenson and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McKown,

Donald Miner, Chairman

Recording Secretary