CITY OF WEST HAVEN, CT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, March 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Collins, III at Police Headquarters, 200 Saw Mill Road. All those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

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<td>Raymond Collins, III, Chairman</td>
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<td>Paul E. Butler, Vice-Chairman</td>
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<td>Keith Sweeney</td>
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<td>Peter BonTempo, Secretary</td>
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<td>Deborah B. Wright, Pension Board</td>
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<td>Joseph Perno, Chief of Police</td>
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<td>Carl Flemming, Interim Deputy Chief</td>
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<td>Lee Tiernan, Corporation Counsel</td>
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Agenda

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept the agenda as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes for Approval

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept the minutes of February 18, 2020; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Session

Chairman Collins asked if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

3. Communications

The Commissioners reviewed the Training Report for January 2020.

4. Report of the Chief

Chief Perno reported that he met today with representatives from Everbridge - a company that provides resident alerts and mass notification services. The service will be online soon. There is a push to have it done through the school system and through social media.

In answer to Commissioner Sweeney, Chief Perno explained that there is no change in the status of the cameras nor the plumbing, we are looking into the possibility of having it done

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through a vendor. We are still seeking grants; the one we found was not for the interior and would not address the plumbing issue.

5. **Report of the Deputy Chief**

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported, the Department is currently at 118 officers. Of those, seven are in Field Training, four are attending the police academy, one is on administrative leave, and one is on military leave. This leaves 105 available. Sgt. John Healy has returned from serving on military leave in Guantanamo, Cuba – he is in state and is expected to return to work on Monday, March 23. Officer MacDonald is expected to deploy in April or May.

Commissioner Sweeney asked about the status of the officer on administrative leave. Deputy Chief Flemmig replied, he goes back on April 20th and we should have more information then.

6. **Report of the Committees**

None presented.

7. **Old Business**

None presented.

8. **New Business**

8.1 **Disputed Parking Ticket – Vanessa Torres**

Ms. Torres explained that she has never been aware of the Winter Parking Regulations regarding odd/even side of street parking. She has always lived in West Haven but has always been afforded off-street parking at her residences. She moved to her current address on December 1st. She also noted that there were no signs posted.

Chief Perno explained to her that when there is a snow event, there is no parking allowed on the even side of the street unless that side is marked “no parking”. After discussing it with the Commission, she is now aware of and is familiar with the rules. She no longer has the car, explained her financial hardship, and asked the Commissioners to waive her ticket.

Commissioner Wright MOVED to waive the ticket; Seconded by Commissioner Collins. A voice vote was taken; the motion carried with 3 in favor, 1 opposed (Sweeney).

8.2 **Ordinance Violation – 300 Country Hill Drive**

Officer Matakaetis inspected the property on several occasions and hasn’t seen any change in the property. All of the vehicles are unregistered, the garbage is piling up in front of the garage. The vehicles have flat tires and are not roadworthy. There is no mailbox, so he has had to tape the notices to the door.
Commissioner Sweeney inspected the property today. This has been an ongoing situation for quite some time. The homeowner is uncooperative.

Commission Collins spoke with the neighbors and found that those cars were towed there; it's been an issue for about 20 years.

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to uphold the $300 fine, and further, send a certified letter to the homeowner notifying them that if the property is not brought into compliance by the next meeting on March 19, 2020, a fine of $100 per day will be imposed with no opportunity for appeal; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

8.3 Ordinance Violation – 642-644 Third Avenue

Officer Matakaetis inspected this duplex property on several occasions and hasn’t been unable to contact the owner, who lives at 642. He has left notices and written warnings. The owner is receiving the notices and there is no change in the property, it has actually gotten worse.

Commissioner Sweeney concurs with Officer Matakaetis. He inspected the property today; nothing is changed. It appears that even more items have been added to the front porch.

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to uphold the $200 fine, and further, send a certified letter to the homeowner notifying them that if the property is not brought into compliance by the next meeting on March 19, 2020, a fine of $100 per day will be imposed with no opportunity for appeal; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

8.4 Savin Rock Half and Full Marathon, Saturday, March 28, 2020
Clinton Tebbetts, President, Shoreline Sharks

Commissioner Wright MOVED to approve the event; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Pension Board

Commissioner Wright reported that everything is going well, and Dave Moran will be attending the next meeting on March 19th.

10. Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Wright reported that the date she will be speaking at the West Haven Chamber event is April 4th. More information will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

11. Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m., Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss item 11.1 – Special Victims & Firearms Report for January, 2020; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Return to Regular Session/Adjournment

At 7:18 p.m. the Commissioners returned to Regular Session. Commissioner Butler MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Sweeney. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia M. Bruder
Secretary