

CITY OF WEST HAVEN, CT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, May 21, 2019

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

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

ADD-ON

Commissioner Wright MOVED to add Item 8.2 Pension – Dave Moran to the agenda; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept the agenda as amended; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Commissioner Wright MOVED to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting; SECONDED by Commissioner Bon Tempo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

2. PUBLIC SESSION

Detective Sean Faughnan, President, Local 895

Det. Faughnan, on behalf of the Executive Board, congratulated Officer Antoine Hayward on his promotion to the rank of Sergeant. He reviewed Ofc. Hayward's assignments, and again congratulated and extended best wishes to him and to his family on this joyous day.

Det. Faughnan went on to thank everybody for the support for Retired Sergeant Rob Jankovski's services and for their support of the West Haven Police Department.

Sergeant David Hancock, WHPD

Sergeant Hancock, on behalf of the Jankovsky family, extended his thanks to the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, Board of Police Commissioners and the men and women of the West Haven Police Department, all that showed up in support of the Jankovsky family. He noted that it was really overwhelming to see everybody there, and the family was really happy that he was recognized and for the outpouring of support.

Chairman Collins asked three times if any other person wished to speak. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

The Commissioners reviewed the following monthly reports for April, 2019:

- 3.1 Investigative Services Division
- 3.2 K-9 Activity Report – Ofc. Standish/Cody
- 3.3 K-9 Activity Report – Ofc. Marchitto/Ado
- 3.4 Support Services
- 3.5 Training Division

4. REPORT OF THE CHIEF

Chief Perno stated, I would like to publicly thank the Board of Police Commissioners, the Traffic Division, and the members of the West Haven Police Department. I would like to formally recognize Detective Sean Faughnan, Detective Tammy Murray, and Lieutenant Kaitlyn Flavin for their handling of this very, very sad matter. Mostly I would like to recognize and really thank Sergeant Dave Hancock for the care and final arrangements for Sergeant Jankovsky. Thank you, Dave.

4a. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported that we'll be hiring on June 4th a lateral from Branford. We'll be [inaudible] polygraphs this week and are looking to add six for the July 8th Meriden Academy class. There are seven coming in with the lateral, but with retirements and a lateral out, we are losing five.

In response to a question from Commissioner Sweeney, DC Flemmig stated, we have two graduating the Meriden Academy at the end of the month, and four graduating Milford on July 8th. We hope to have them on the road in September. There are five graduating Meriden in October. With the five projected retirements before summer's end, I project us to be at about 112.

5. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

None presented.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sweeney noted that he and Commissioner Bon Tempo are working with Corporation Counsel on the contracts for Chief Perno and Deputy Chief Flemmig.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Retirement of Chief John Karajanis

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to approve the retirement of Chief John Karajanis; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler.

Chief Perno stated, I would like to recognize Chief Karajanis for his 33-plus years of service to the citizens of West Haven and to the West Haven Police Department.

Commissioner Collins wished Chief Karajanis good luck in his retirement.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

7.2 Promotion of Sergeant Antoine Hayward

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to promote Officer Antoine Hayward to the rank of Sergeant, effective Friday, May 24, 2019; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler.

Chief Perno stated, Officer Haywood has been with the West Haven Police Department since March of 2005. He served in the Patrol Division as well as a School Resource Officer at the High School. He served in the Shore Patrol, Community Resource Officer, Street Crime Unit, he is a member of the Special Response Team, and he is one of the Active Shooter Trainers. He was an instructor at our department's Citizens' Police Academy. He was assigned to the U.S. Marshals Service from 2016 to 2018. Officer Hayward joined the Marines in 2000 after his graduation from high school; he was a member of the 1st Battalion 2nd Marines. He had three deployments, including Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He was honorably discharged in 2004 at the rank of Corporal. Sergeant Hayward will be in a position where he will be forced to speak; he is a man of very, very few words. We have all the confidence in the world in Sergeant Hayward and wish him nothing but the best. Congratulations from the Command staff.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously. Applause rang throughout the forum.

Chief Perno swore Sergeant Hayward in; his wife pinned him with his Sergeant's badge.

7.3 Ordinance Violation – Kevin Wing – Parking Violation

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to dismiss the parking violation of Kevin Wing; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

8. PENSION BOARD

8.1 Retirement of Chief John Karajanis

Commissioner Wright noted that a correction was made to the dates and timing. The numbers were correct; the paperwork is in order.

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to approve the service-connected disability retirement; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

8.2 Dave Moran

Mr. Moran updated the Commissioners on the status of the pension fund, concluding that we're in good shape year-to-date.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Sweeney offered his thanks to the Chief, the Traffic Division, Honor Guard, and Patrol Division for the funeral services of Detective Jim McDonough. He noted that as always, they did an excellent job, and he thanked everyone on behalf of the family.

Commissioner Collins also expressed his thanks to everyone for their support during the funeral services.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:15 p.m., Commissioner Bon Tempo MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following monthly reports for April, 2019:

- 10.1 ISD-Special Victims & Firearms Unit Activity
- 10.2 ISD-Street Crime Unit Activity

SECONDED by Commissioner Sweeney. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

At 7:20 p.m., Commissioner Wright MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia M. Bruder
Secretary