

**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
MAY 13, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chairman Cosgrove, at 7:00 pm in the Police Department Training Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were Commissioner Michael Long, Commissioner Terry Fogarty, Commissioner James Fleming, Chief Nicholas Boulter, Lt. Fred Sifodaskalakis and Lt. Thomas Sheehan.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Fogarty read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the Commission on April 8, 2019.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After a motion was made by Commissioner Fleming and seconded by Commissioner Long, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To approve the amended minutes of the April 8, 2019 Meeting.

5. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. REPORTS

- **Chairman's Report**
None
- **Chief's Report**
 - Non-supervisory overtime is down overall from last year but supervisory shifts are up. 38 supervisor overtime shifts were prevented this fiscal year because we have 3 sergeants assigned to A squad. Dispatch has 3% less overtime hours than last year but up for the month of April due to vacations. As projected, the department is over budget in the overtime category for the year.
 - The budget referendum is Tuesday, May 14.
 - Personnel update:
 - Preparing to fill vacancy in dispatch due to maternity leave with a full time temp
 - Advertising for two crossing guard vacancies for the fall

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- The two new officers are doing well at the academy. Officer Gronski will graduate on June 26th and then begin field training.
- Donations received this month:
 - \$4,000 from Simsbury Bank for cadets to attend the annual week long academy at Westfield State University this summer
 - \$1,200 from the Women's Club for women's self-defense programs
 - \$500 from a Citizens' Police Academy attendee who was very appreciative
- The grant for distracted driving enforcement was used in April and 175 stops were made. There will be additional grant funding to have the program again in August.
- Local Traffic Authority and Development Group discussions
 - The horse drawn carriage proposal for Hopmeadow St.
 - Route 167 rumble strips have been installed
 - The solar project is underway increasing traffic in the area
 - Aquarian and Simscroft Echo are installing water mains on Firetown Rd. through September
- The Citizens' Police Academy was very successful culminating with the annual awards night and dinner at The Simsbury Inn on April 25. The following Department members and citizens were recognized for their actions in 2018:
 - Life Saving Medals
Sergeant Dan Thibault
Officer Frank Buoniconti (2 medals)
Officer Gary Gray
Officer JP Lessard (3 medals)
Officer Jameson Ball
Officer Trevor Brittell (5 medals)
Officer Justin Johnson
Officer Sam Robbins
Officer Alex Cruz
Officer Joe Halt
Dispatcher Donna Anderson
 - Professional Policing Award
Officer Tim Russell-Child Delivery
 - Letter of Commendation
Officer Jesse Marinak
 - Citizen's Award
SVFD Lieutenant Jason Loftus-Life Saving (CPR)
Ellen McCabe- Life Saving (choking victim)

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- Tip-a-Cop night at Chili's raised \$2,100 for Special Olympics
 - National Prescription Drug Take Back Day was on April 27. The department has continuously collected and disposed of 1,400 pounds so far in 2018/2019 from the collection box in lobby.
 - The Board of Selectman has asked the Public Safety Committee to discuss the continued bear problems at their June 20th meeting.
 - New uniforms still in process.
 - A change to all grey vehicles for the next purchases which will keep the town's uniqueness and save money.
- **Consolidated Monthly Report for March, 2019**
No significant issues were noted.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The Chief announced the Special Olympic Torch run will be on June 6th and we expect to have a large group participating.

Commissioner Long reported that attempts to obtain an independent review and assessment of statutory v. charter language had not been successful. Chair Cosgrove designated Commissioners Fleming and Long a subcommittee to institute discussions with the Town Manager and/or the First Selectman in order to clarify the the authority, procedures and requirements of each with regard to the Simsbury Police Department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made motion to adjourn at 7:35pm, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Cosgrove, Chairman

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