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MINUTES
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Police Commission was called to order at 7:34 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were Chairman Edward Cosgrove, Commissioners Carl Eisenmann, Harvey Goodfriend, Michael Long and Brendan Walsh; Chief Peter Ingvertsen and Captain Matthew Catania.

2. AMEND AGENDA

Commissioner Goodfriend made a motion seconded by Commissioner Long and passed unanimously to amend the meeting agenda to address Item 5 Election of Officers before Item 2 Correspondence.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Goodfriend made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Eisenmann to nominate Edward Cosgrove as Chairman of the Commission. The motion passed unanimously and nominations were closed.

Commissioner Long made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Eisenmann to nominate Harvey Goodfriend as Clerk of the Commission. The motion passed unanimously and nominations were closed.

Commissioner Eisenmann left the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

4, CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Goodfriend read the Summary of Letters received since the last Regular Meeting of the Commission on December 16, 2008. (Addendum 1)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Goodfriend made a motion seconded by Commissioner Walsh and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2008 Regular Meeting as written.

Commissioner Long made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Goodfriend and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2009 Special Meeting as written.

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6. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the public.

7. OLD BUSINESS

In response to Commissioner Long, Chief Ingvertsen said he did not know the status of the Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement.

Chief Ingvertsen informed the Commission that the Police Department proposed budget approved by the Police Commission was forwarded to the First Selectman. However, at the Department Head meeting with the First Selectman, Ms. Glassman had asked the Department Heads to submit in writing to her office, the Core and Non-Core Services of the Department. Chief Ingvertsen cited the core services of the Police Department as being Dispatch, Emergency Medical Dispatch, Patrol, Investigations (Detective Unit), Training, Records, Community Services, Traffic Enforcement, School Resource Officer, Animal Control and Administration. Chief Ingvertsen said no non-core services were identified.

Commissioner Long said that the Board of Finance has requested that the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen submit budgets with a zero percent increase year over year. He further stated that this would equate to a \$500,000 reduction on the Town budget side. In addition, Commissioner Long said that because of the current economic environment there is an increasing drain on Social Services citing the increase in requests for fuel subsidies as an example.

The Commission reviewed the Police Department's core services and no non-core services were identified. Chief Ingvertsen said that there would be no significant cost savings associated with a reduction in core services.

In response to Commissioner Goodfriend, Chief Ingvertsen said that he had not received any retirement paperwork from any one of the six sworn personnel eligible to retire. Chief Ingvertsen said there was a possibility of one civilian retirement.

In response to the Commission, Chief Ingvertsen said the Animal Control Budget is not included in the Police Department budget and that with a population of 25,000, an Animal Control Officer is required by statute.

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In response to Chairman Cosgrove and Commissioner Long, Chief Ingvertsen said that should layoffs occur with unionized employees, they would be in accordance with collective bargaining agreements. In response to Commissioner Goodfriend, Chief Ingvertsen said that if the department reduces its budget by \$120,000 this could possibly equate to the elimination of two or three sworn positions depending upon whether fringe benefits are taken into consideration.

In response to Commissioner Goodfriend, Chief Ingvertsen said that while the department has functioned in the past with two less sworn personnel, there is a direct correlation to an increase in overtime.

Commissioner Long made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Goodfriend to approve a Police Department budget with a reduction of up to \$120,000 from the previous budget submitted to and approved by the Commission.

It was the consensus of the Commission that Chief Ingvertsen be responsible for deciding how to accomplish this savings.

Commissioner Long said that this action recognizes the impact of the economic environment on the residents of the Town of Simsbury.

In response to Commissioner Cosgrove's question as to whether there would be any concessions by the Unions, Chief Ingvertsen said that the IBPO is currently in negotiations with the First Selectman.

The Commission cited the areas of declining revenue for the Town, such as personal property revenue, real estate transfers, and the possibility of loss of state funding for education.

After discussion the motion passed unanimously.

In response to the Commission, Captain Catania reported the progress of the department's three newest officers.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

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8. REPORTS

a. Chairman's Report

None.

b. Chief's Report

Chief Ingvertsen reported that there are two new Field Training Officers; that because of an extended illness, he has appointed PFC Elizabeth Maher as Acting Sergeant to reduce supervisor overtime; that there is also an officer on light duty as a result of a work-related injury; that PFC Daniel Thibault had been assigned to the Detective Division; and Officer Tracy Dunne would be filling in when necessary for the School Resource Officer who is now the acting sergeant in Patrol. Chief Ingvertsen further stated that two officers will complete Field Training in March.

c. Consolidated Monthly Reports November 2008 (Addendum 2)
December 2008 (Addendum 3)

The Commission reviewed the Consolidated Monthly Reports for November 2008 and December 2008 noting the increases in summonses. In response to the Commission, Chief Ingvertsen said there may be a correlation between the emphasis on traffic enforcement and a decrease in the severity of accidents.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made a motion seconded by Commissioner Goodfriend and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Cosgrove, Chairman

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