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MINUTES
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Police Commission was called to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were Chairman Edward Cosgrove, Commissioners Harvey Goodfriend, Michael Long and Brendan Walsh; and Chief Peter Ingvertsen.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Goodfriend read the Summary of Letters received since the last Regular Meeting of the Commission on January 27, 2009. (Addendum 1)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Long made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Goodfriend and passed unanimously to approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting as written.

4. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Long informed the Commission that the Town's final budget had been adopted by the Board of Selectmen. He discussed previous budget discussions stating that Police Department core services had been reviewed and no non-core services were identified; there were no pending retirements by sworn personnel in the department; a reduction of approximately \$100,000 (plus fringe benefits – not part of the department's Operating Budget) was necessary to meet the Board of Selectmen's request to reduce the Town's Operating Budget; that in previous discussions by the Commission it was the consensus there should be no reduction in Patrol personnel; and any

reductions in the Police Department's Operating Budget would be accomplished by a reduction in non-bargaining personnel. He further stated that the Commission voted at the January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting to instruct and authorize the Chief to go forward with a budget reflecting the requested \$100,000 plus reduction. Commissioner Long stated that there would be four Police Department vehicles replaced during FY 09-10.

Commissioner Long made a motion to ratify the Police Department Operating Budget as presented to the Commission by the Chief of Police, and approved by the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the Police Commission's direction to reduce one administrative position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodfriend.

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Chairman Cosgrove noted the changes in the Police Department's Operating Budget since it had been presented to the Commission and voiced his support for the motion.

In response to Commissioner Goodfriend, Chief Ingvertsen said that the Animal Control budget is separate from the Police Department's budget but he is responsible for the oversight and administration of the Animal Control budget.

Chief Ingvertsen said he advised the incumbent in the administrative position to be eliminated that the position would not be funded in FY 09-10.

In response to Commissioner Walsh, Chief Ingvertsen said the duties of the administrative position being eliminated would have to be reallocated; and that he has not noticed any significant impact to morale as a result of this reduction in the administrative staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commission Long noted the members of the IBPO had ratified a contract which did not include a General Wage Increase for FY 09-10 and expressed appreciation to the union for their cooperation in reducing the Town Budget.

Chief Ingvertsen noted that there are four unions in the Police Department, all of which had ratified contracts which did not include General Wage Increases; and that non-bargaining personnel in the department also agreed

to forego wage increases for FY 09-10.

It was the consensus of the Commission that letters of appreciation be sent to the unions.

Chief Ingvertsen distributed a letter from the individual in the administrative position to be eliminated for the Commission's information.

In response to Commissioner Long, Chief Ingvertsen said the Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement had been approved and signed following public hearing.

Chief Ingvertsen informed the Commission that the department would be receiving approximately \$65,000 from the office of U.S. Representative Chris Murphy sometime in the next three months as a part of the stimulus package.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

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7. REPORTS

a. Chairman's Report

None

b. Chief's Report

Chief Ingvertsen reported on the arrest of Andrew Bunda and the subsequent seizure of his property at 12 Oakhurst. Chief Ingvertsen said the property is in asset forfeiture.

In response to Chairman Cosgrove, Chief Ingvertsen said the property could be seized because the drugs were on the property; and that the initial investigation was developed by the Detective Unit.

Chief Ingvertsen reported on the new brochure "Wild Life of Simsbury" which, in addition to being printed was also on the Town's Website.

Chief Ingvertsen reviewed the department's Expenditure Status Report for the period ending February 2009 noting the increase in overtime

expenditures. He explained that there were still two officers in field training and one in the academy and, in addition there were two sworn personnel out for an extended period, one because of a work injury and one due to a non-work related injury. He further stated that two officers were completing field training and would be on their own shortly which should decrease overtime.

Chief Ingvertsen informed the Commission of the March 27, 2009 retirement of the department's Records Clerk.

c. Consolidated Monthly Report – January 2009 (Addendum 2)
February 2009 (Addendum 3)

The Commission reviewed the January Consolidated Monthly Report noting the increase in motor vehicle accidents, alarms and domestic violence.

The Commission reviewed the February Consolidated Monthly Report noting the decrease in larceny and the increase in motor vehicle accidents with property damage.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Goodfriend made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Cosgrove, Chairman

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