

TOWN OF CROMWELL
POLICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2011
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL 224/5
MINUTES

Present: Chairman R. Newton, First Selectman J. Flanders, A. Waters, A. Spotts, A. Halibozek, P. Ahlquist, A. Varricchio

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Captain E. Kosinski, Public & Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Newton called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Special Meeting -None

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Raymond Duffy of 24 Oxford Lane asked what geographical area is the Officer that was recently certified for truck inspections working in. He also asked whether the Town gets any of the money from the fines or does it all go to the State.

D. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. December 8, 2010

J. Flanders made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, 2nd by A. Spotts.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

E. CHIEF SALVATORE'S REPORT

A. Salvatore said that the Officer will be working locally in Cromwell and with the Mid-State Traffic Squad comprised of five towns (Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Berlin, Newington and Cromwell). He explained that the majority of the fines go to the State, which includes the revenue for traffic tickets, but some does get returned to Cromwell. The benefit to Cromwell is that we will have the ability to respond to our community in-house and possibly assist local businesses with inspections of their vehicle to help maintain proper safety standards.

He indicated that there were over 12,000 incidences in 2010. He also said that Officer Chase is resigning to move on to another career path, so there will be a vacancy to fill. He said that the Cider Hill investigation is complete and there will be a packet handed out later for the Board to review. He also gave his appreciation to ACO Cheryl Gagnon for her hard work in locating the individuals that abandon the two K-9s and arrest warrants have been issued.

A. Spotts expressed his thanks to the Police Department staff that helped resolve the excessive speed issue in his neighborhood.

F. OLD BUSINESS - None

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve hiring new Police Officer

R. Newton discussed the opening at the Police Academy.

A. Salvatore said that this candidate was chosen after 20 plus interviews with other applicants and that he has former security experience. He said that he and Captain Kosinski met with him and they both approve hiring him. He said the only matter pending in the review process is the medical review portion. Otherwise, he has passed all aspects of review and background checks.

A. Halibozek asked if there will be an additional opening in the PD after Officer Chase leaves.

A. Salvatore said that this open position is the result of Captain Nelson leaving, and there will be another opening after Officer Chase leaves.

T. Varricchio made a motion to hire Tyler Meusel contingent upon his passing the medical review process, 2nd by A. Spotts.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE- None**I. GOOD AND WELFARE - None****J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned by general consent at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Sarah A. Voog
Acting Clerk