

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman R. Newton, First Selectman P. Beaulieu, A. Waters, Deputy First Selectman S. Stachura, M. Johnson, S. Salvatore, F. Monnes

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Captain R. Nelson, President IBPO Local #357 Sgt. P. Ahlquist, Acting Finance Director M. Sylvester, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no changes or additions the agenda stands approved as published.

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. Rich Waters, 84 South Street –Spoke regarding two issues that pertained to the Board of Selectmen, a vehicle that was recently junked and a member of the Board of Selectman voting on the Police Budget.

D. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, February 8, 2006

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of February 8, 2006.

E. CHIEF SALVATORE'S REPORT

The Incident Analysis's Report was handed out for January.

Chief Salvatore answered the comment made during citizen's comments regarding the car that was junked. Chief Salvatore stated the vehicle in question was seized a number of years ago as a result of asset forfeiture in a drug case. The Chief disposed of the vehicle upon recommendation of staff that they were spending taxpayer's money on a vehicle that was no longer worth it.

Officer McCarter graduated from the academy with an overall score of 90; he also shot a perfect score of 300 qualifying with his duty weapon. Officer Dorias started the academy on Friday.

Chief Salvatore complimented his officers on their work capturing the bank robber. The primary officer on the case was Youth Officer J. Kelly. The media provided assistance by running the individual's photo.

Chief Salvatore complimented Part Time Animal Control Officer Christine Sparks for the fine job she did putting together a informative pamphlet, "Bringing home your

adopted dog". There was a rollover the morning after the bank robbery. Chief Salvatore received a number of calls from the media and members of the public complimenting the department on the fine job they did handling the rollover. Chief Salvatore stated the credit goes to Sgts. Ahlquist and Wren's squads. Chief Salvatore spoke regarding the citizen's complaint that was received regarding a citation that they received for not clearing snow off of their sidewalk. Chief Salvatore handed out a copy of a letter from the United States Attorney's Office informing him that the individual pulled an armed robbed the Sunoco Station back in 2004 received an more than 20 years sentence. Detective Cornell worked with several other agencies on this case.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

Grievance IBPO #357 –Step 2

Chairman Newton gave Sgt. Ahlquist the choice to have the grievance heard in executive or open session. Sgt. Ahlquist chose to have the grievance heard in open session.

Sgt. Patrick Ahlquist, President of IBPO Local #357 presented the grievance on behalf of the union. The Union's main argument to have the Educational Assistance approved was based on past practice. The Town's main argument was that the request for Educational Assistance was tabled and not denied.

Discussion followed.

Motion made by P. Beaulieu seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to deny the grievance.

Aye: A. Waters, P. Beaulieu, S. Stachura, M. Johnson, F. Monnes

Nay: S. Salvatore

H. CORRESPONDENCE

None

I. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary