

A Regular Meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 5:30 pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioner Mark Denham, Chairman, and Commissioner Adele Gordon, Vice Chairman, Commissioner Michael Berkoff, Commissioner Reverend Dr. Robert Perry and Commissioner Stephen Maloney. Also present was Chief Brent B. Larrabee, Ex-Officio, Assistant Chief Robert Nivakoff, Assistant Chief Sue Bretthauer, Captain Rich Agostino, Captain Richard Conklin, Captain Bill Mullin, Captain Tom Wuennemann, Lieutenant Frank Cronin, Sergeant Lou DeRubeis, and Sergeant Chris DiCarlo.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Review of Minutes

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Berkoff and seconded by Commissioner Reverend Perry and approved unanimously, to approve the minutes of the December Regular Meeting and the December Special Meeting.

Administration and Operation Report

Chief Larrabee reported that strong-arm robberies are a concern. Captain Mullin and Lieutenant Montagnese have identified the walkway on Richmond Hill as an area that has seen a number of criminal activities. The area is now lighted and the walkway is closed at 9:30 pm. The owners have hired 3 security guards to monitor the area.

Captain Conklin discussed the first bank robbery of the year. He released photos of the suspect to the press but no information has come in. He feels that the suspect is from out of town.

Chief Larrabee said that the camera ordinance is going in front of the Board of Reps. Sergeant Chris Gioielli has put together an anti-graffiti ordinance for the removal of graffiti. Sergeant Pete Wolff has been working on statewide legislation to grant right of way for Police Boats.

Chief Larrabee spoke about working with the Stamford Housing Authority on an agreement.

Chief Larrabee discussed the upcoming Police Officer Exam. The cut off date for applications is January 12th. So far there are 29 applications. If there are less than 100 applications, the exam may be pushed back.

Chief Larrabee reported on the Police Foundation. He received a donation of \$50,000 in 2006 and expects another \$50,000 on July 1st from a local corporation. He also has a pledge of \$5000 from another corporation. He is arranging a meeting to select board members.

Chief Larrabee stated that he would be having a Command Staff Retreat on January 19 – 20, 2007 in Mystic. He is working on the agenda. It will start at 10 am on the 19th and finish around noon on the 20th. He invited two Police Commissioners to attend. The Stamford Partnership Program will pay much of the cost. During the Retreat, the Chief would like to work on the Table of Organization and the start of the Strategic Plan. Jack Condlin from the Chamber of Commerce will give a forecast of the City over the next decade. Drew Diamond will be the facilitator. He was originally with the Tulsa Police Department and is currently working for PERF. Mr. Bob Wasserman will be making a presentation and Ms. Andrea Chasen has been making the arrangements.

Chief Larrabee said he received information from the State Attorney's Office concerning missing money from the Glenbrook Fire Department. The Detective Bureau will be investigating.

Personnel Matters

Commissioner Denham said that the Commission would discuss the personal records and medical records of a Stamford Police Officer in Executive Session.

Chief Larrabee said that we have lost one recruit. She hurt her knee. She may be back in March for the Academy in Meriden. She was doing well academically but had to resign due to her injury. Another recruit has been suspended with pay due to violations of the Policy and Procedures Manual. There is currently an investigation into the situation.

Chief Larrabee said that the Police Commissioners will interview 7 candidates for the position of Police Officer. Previously interviewed were George Backiel and Quinn Fillippino. They were given Conditional Offers of Employment. These two candidates did not meet the conditions in time to attend the current academy. They have since been cleared and are eligible to attend the next academy class. They will not be attending the interviews but will need to be voted on. The Commissioners have already interviewed 4 of the 7 candidates that they will interview tonight. We have 7 spots available in Meriden in March.

Chief Larrabee said that the Officer that asked to appeal his suspension has asked for a 1-month delay due to legal conflicts.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Berkoff seconded by Commissioner Gordon approved unanimously to go into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. to review attendance, to interview candidates Frank DiStasio, William Garay, Isaac Jean-Pierre, Crystal Young, Michael Mulhull, Jeremy Williams and Albert Loschiavo for positions of Police Officer and for contract items.

Executive Session ended at 8:25 pm and the meeting returned to public session.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Gordon that Chief Larrabee work with the Officer in question on his attendance and at the end of the month there will be further discussion. At that time a decision will be made if there is a need for further action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reverend Perry and approved unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Maloney to appoint to the position of Police Officer the following candidates: George Backiel, Quinn Fillippino, Frank DiStasio, William Garay, Isaac Jean-Pierre, Michael Mulhull, and Jeremy Williams. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berkoff and approved unanimously.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

Chief Larrabee said that there will be two more sessions on the contract negotiations. There will be a meeting on January 12th and another meeting on February 26th. All sides will give their evidence and then the arbitrator will make a decision.

Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

There being no further business to discuss, A MOTION was made by Commissioner Gordon seconded by Commissioner Maloney and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Denham
Chairman