



ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY  
COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO

COMMISSIONER JOHN BARTON

COMMISSIONER MARK GRASSO  
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH

TRAFFIC AUTHORITY  
Monday January 13, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.  
Orange Police Department

Unapproved Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Barton called the Traffic Authority Meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Commissioners Present Were:

Commissioner Jack Barton  
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo  
Commissioner Chris Carveth

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Mark Grasso  
Commissioner Marian Hurley

Also Present:

Police Chief Robert Gagne  
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia  
Jeff Gordon, Codespoti & Associates

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Minutes

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo, made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Traffic Authority Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business

None

New Business

Daycare at the Orange Town Center, 109 Bost Post Road: Jeff Gordon of Codespoti & Associates joined the meeting at 4:36 p.m. and presented plans for a playground associated with a new daycare facility in this building. The proposed playground would be located outside, behind the opposite end of the building. Fencing, bollards and the relocation of the dumpster would occur. Mr. Gordon is proposing the landlord allow the owners to attach the playground to their location directly, removing the movement of children through the building and outside in the parking lot. Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion that we give an advisory opinion to the applicant that the Board feels the proposed redesign would be in the best interest of the Town for various reasons: safety, traffic flow, and we would encourage them to negotiate with the landlord to make this happen. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Jeff Gordon left the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Correspondence

None

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary



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**ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

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COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH  
COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO

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**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
Immediately following Traffic Authority Meeting  
Monday January 13, 2020  
Orange Police Department**

**Unapproved Minutes**

Commission Chairman Barton called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 4:45 p.m.

**Commissioners Present Were:**

Commissioner Jack Barton  
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo  
Commissioner Christopher Carveth

**Commissioners Absent:**

Commissioner Mark Grasso  
Commissioner Marian Hurley

**Also Present:**

Police Chief Robert Gagne  
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia

**Minutes**

Commissioner Cuzzocreo, seconded by Commissioner Carveth, made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Reports**

**Activity of the Department-** Chief Gagne discussed December statistics with the Commissioners. The Board was informed that there were 21 criminal arrests and 131 motor vehicle citations. There was 1 residential burglary and 1 stolen motor vehicle. In addition, there were 20 larcenies and 114 motor vehicle accidents. There were 3,774 calls for service that generated 499 written reports. Chief Gagne presented the Board with a year end total comparison for 2019 versus 2018. In 2019 there were significantly more motor vehicle tickets written as well as a significant increase in the total number of calls and reports written. Chief Gagne also pointed out that there was a decrease in the number of burglaries, stolen motor vehicles and larcenies. Chief Gagne advised the Board of the many activities in ISU including the Holiday Food Drive, Giving Tree, school events and continued training at the Houses of Worship.

Commissioner Carveth added that with the same staffing, the Department handled a 23% increase in call volume for 2019.

Chief Gagne reported that the Records Division took in the following revenue: report sales \$291.00, fingerprints \$95.00, permits \$270.00, parking tags \$75.00 and record checks \$10.00 for a total of \$741.00.

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### Expenditures

Chief Gagne highlighted the expenditure for Ruotolo Mechanical, which was to install a new backflow system for the fire alarm system. This move and installation was required by Regional Water Authority and Fire Marshal. The remainder of the expenses were routine.

### Budget Balances

Chief Gagne advised that the budget is in good order.

### Old Business

Cell Block Project – Chief Gagne advised the Board that the project has a few remaining items to complete but that the cells are functioning and being used.

Accreditation Project – The assessment last week resulted in very positive remarks from the committee. The POST Council will vote at the March meeting and we fully anticipate passing. Chief Gagne advised that Officer Koshes has now begun work on Tier 2.

5 Year Short Term Capital Plan – The first meeting of the Committee was in December and Chief Gagne held it at the OPD so that the Committee was able to tour and better understand our needs. Meetings continue weekly.

Generator Project – The cutover is scheduled to occur January 21, 2020, we will temporarily be on the UPS system.

### New Business

Disposition of Property – Chief Gagne requested authority from the Board to enter into agreement with Abrams Arms for consignment of property. Abrams Arms is a recognized CSP consignee with a FFL, as its affiliate vendor in Naugatuck. Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion that the Board authorizes the engagement of Abrams Arms of Bethlehem, Connecticut or their affiliated vendor, to consign the property that we give to them for that purpose. Commissioner Carveth noted that the owner of Abrams Arms is related to a Department member, and that the Board has no concerns. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### Correspondence

Thank you letter from Charles Sherwood, SCCJA, thanking Assistant Chief Martins for serving as a panelist for the oral board examinations for the ranks of Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant.

Thank you letter from Srilekha Bell to Officer Guandalini for his assistance with her home alarm.

Thank you letter from Chief Gagne to Chief Cappiello for the assistance of the Woodbridge Police Department during our cell block project.

Thank you letter from Jane Opper, Amity Teen Center for our support of the Chilly Chili Run.

Thank you letter from Ann and Gary Teller thanking Officers Peterson and Crainich for their assistance when their dog passed away.

### Personnel

Graduation and Swearing-In for Officers Repice and Martino will be January 23, 2020 at the Waterbury Palace and January 24 at 9:00 a.m. at the OPD.

Declination of offer – Michael Querfeld has decided not accept the offer from Orange.

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 5:11 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.** The Board invited Chief Gagne into Executive Session.

Supernumerary Officer Paul Piscitelli joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m. and left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to bring the Board out of Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to appoint Supernumerary Officer Paul Piscitelli as a fulltime officer pending his medical examination, and approved the adoption of the Employment Agreement as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Cuzzocreo, seconded by Commissioner Carveth, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary