



ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH

COMMISSIONER JOHN BARTON

COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY
COMMISSIONER NYJAHWAHN WALKER

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Immediately following Traffic Authority Meeting
Monday April 12, 2021

Notice: In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be held remotely with no in-person attendance. If you wish to attend this meeting remotely, you must pre-register with Board Secretary Kathy Gulia at kgulia@orange-ct.gov or 203-891-2136.

Unapproved Minutes

Commission Chairman Barton called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 5:25p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jack Barton
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo
Commissioner Marian Hurley
Commissioner Christopher Carveth
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present:

Police Chief Robert Gagne
Assistant Chief Max Martins
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia

Minutes

Commissioner Hurley, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. **The motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Walker abstaining.**

Reports

Activity of the Department- Assistant Chief Martins discussed March statistics with the Commissioners. The Board was informed that there were 17 criminal arrests and 81 motor vehicle citations. There was 1 commercial burglary, 4 stolen motor vehicles, and 2 recovered. In addition, there were 27 larcenies and 74 motor vehicle accidents. There were 3,499 calls for service that generated 397 written reports. Assistant Chief Martins provided updates on burglaries.

Chief Gagne reported that the Records Division took in report sales of \$163.00, fingerprinting of \$40.00, and \$1,760.00 in permits for a total of \$1,963.00.

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Expenditures

Chief Gagne highlighted expenditures for March, including Utility Communications for new vehicle equipment, Lexipol online training, State of CT POST training for 2 new recruits, New England Uniform for bullet proof vests and graphics for the new vehicles.

Budget Balances

Chief Gagne advised that the budget is in good order. A transfer will be made to building maintenance to cover the overage. He also added that there are no concerns with the overtime.

Old Business

COVID-19: Chief Gagne advised the Board that all of our procedures and protocols are still in place. We are working to modify some of our restrictions as the Governor's Orders are set to expire April 19th.

21-22 Budget: Chief Gagne advised that Town budget hearing will be held April 21, 2021.

The Board of Finance did reduce our requests in a few line items but the Chief is working on some of these with the Finance Department.

Police Accountability Bill: Chief Gagne reported that they are still working on protocols, the drug testing general orders have been submitted to the attorney for review. The legislature has changed the effective date for the Use of Force orders to January 1, 2022. Legislation pending regarding Tier III vs CALEA accreditation.

Training: We have been primarily participating in online training through Police One, Daigle and AMR. In person training for CPR has been conducted with AMR, 2 officers at a time and Gang training from Bridgeport Police Department was held at the U.I. Building.

New Business

DEA Take Back: Although we have our own drug receptacle here, we will also participate in the DEA Take Back Day on April 21, 2021.

Manual of Rules: The Manual of Rules have been updated with changed names, titles, telephone numbers wording and regulations. Chief Gagne reviewed the changes with the Board. Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made a motion to accept the changes to the Manual of Rules as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Correspondence

Thank you email from John Blazek to Officer Lane for his assistance with a stolen motor vehicle.

Letter and donation from the Orange Lions Club for \$250 to the DARE Program.

Thank you letter from the Orange Lions Club to the Department for our assistance with the Easter Candy Drive Thru.

Personnel

Chief Gagne presented the Board with a resignation letter from Officer Basil Lu who is going to work for the Middletown Police Department. Commissioner Cuzzocreo, seconded by Commissioner Carveth made a motion to accept Officer Lu's resignation with regret. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Personnel Issues (Executive Session)

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to enter Executive Session at 5:56 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.** The Board invited Chief Gagne, Assistant Chief Martins and Board Secretary Kathy Gulia into Executive Session.

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made a motion to bring the Board out of Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Hurley, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary



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

COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH

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**TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
Monday, April 12, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.**

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Unapproved Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Barton called the Traffic Authority Meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jack Barton
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo
Commissioner Marian Hurley
Commissioner Chris Carveth
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present:

Police Chief Robert Gagne
Assistant Chief Max Martins
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia
Nick Quagliani Manager, Eli's Restaurant joined at 4:40 pm and left at 4:45 pm
Michael Ott, PE and Neil Olinski, Traffic Engineer, Firelite Commons joined at 4:53 pm and left at 5:20 pm.

Minutes

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo, made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Traffic Authority Meeting. **The motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Walker abstaining.**

Old Business

None.

New Business

Eli's Restaurant: Nick Quagliani presented his plan for a patio expansion with an additional 15 x 20 ft area. New gates and bollards will be added and all of the safety features that the Board required for the original patio will be replicated in the new area. Commissioner Cuzzocreo, seconded by Commissioner Carveth proposed that

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the plan be accepted as presented, providing all safety requirements are replicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Firelite Commons: Mike Ott and Neil Olinski presented their plan for Firelite Plaza. The property as it exists has 5 buildings, 2 of which will be demolished and rebuilt. The bank will remain as will the other 2 buildings which will be retail and commercial space. The replacement building will consist of 17,000 square feet of retail and commercial space on the first floor and 72 apartments on the upper floors (37 two bedroom and 35 one bedroom). There will be 226 parking spots and islands are being relocated and added to increase the amount of green space. The driveways are being adjusted and some eliminated due to the proximity of the intersection. Analysis was done on the parking spaces needed as determined by numbers for peak retail/commercial business and residential. The traffic study requires full approval from the State of Connecticut due to the size and proximity to Route 1 and 114. Commissioner Carveth asked if any work had been done to correlate this study with the Smith Farms Road project, Neil Olinski said it had not. The Traffic Study was delivered to the Board a short time before the meeting. Due to the lack of time to review the study and the need to have the Smith Farm Road traffic study correlated with the Firelite traffic study the Board decided to table this discussion. Commissioner Hurley seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo, made a motion to reconvene with Mr. Ott and Mr. Olinski at the next board meeting, May 10th or possibly sooner if the revised traffic study is complete. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Correspondence

None.

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Hurley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary