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ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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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 September 13, 2021

Unapproved Minutes

Commission Chairman Barton called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 4:48 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jack Barton  
Commissioner Christopher Carveth (joined the meeting at 4:56 p.m.)  
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker  
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo  
Commissioner Marian Hurley

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present:

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

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECORDS DIVISION  
2021 SEP 15 PM 12:26  
Marian Hurley  
Town Clerk

Minutes

Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. **The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Hurley abstaining and Commissioner Carveth absent.**

Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners. **The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Hurley abstaining and Commissioner Carveth absent.**

Reports

Activity of the Department- Assistant Chief Martins discussed August statistics with the Commissioners. The Board was informed that there were 25 criminal arrests and 117 motor vehicle citations. There were 2 commercial burglaries, 1 stolen motor vehicle, and 3 recovered. In addition, there were 26 larcenies and 65 motor vehicle accidents. There were 3,507 calls for service that generated 512 written reports. Assistant Chief Martins provided updates on burglaries and other cases ISU is working on.

Chief Gagne reported that the Records Division took in report sales of \$179.00, parking tags of \$125.00 and \$600.00 in permits for a total of \$904.00.

### Expenditures

Chief Gagne highlighted expenditures for August, including BEI for a new recording system which was paid for by the Town not our budget and training for an officer wellness program for Officer Knepper.

### Budget Balances

Chief Gagne advised that all is in order, overtime is a bit more than last year but we do have the fireworks, carnival and fair this year. The charges for environmental system maintenance are for the service on the generator, fire alarm and sprinkler systems.

### Old Business

Training: Continue to do online training and this month will be doing medical training in person. Chief Gagne advised we are purchasing an online program from the Fairfield County Police Departments that will supplement our current online program. We will also be conducting training that covers use of force and the legalization of marijuana.

Fire Alarm System: Chief Gagne advised the Board that Firetech has completed the installation.

### New Business

Town Report: Chief Gagne provided a copy of our report to the Commissioners, explaining it is an overview of our statistics and services. Medical calls continue to increase.

Country Fair: Will be held this weekend, September 18-19, our vehicles and officers will be there.

Corona Virus Relief Fund: The State of CT and the OPM offered this grant, we applied and received \$35,000. It will be used for youth initiatives including a bike rodeo and increased patrol for overnight crimes that are occurring. Also working on a potential youth crime task force with Seymour, Derby, Ansonia and Woodbridge.

### Correspondence

Thank you letter from Susan Foyer Smith thanking the Department for their support during the funeral of her mother Audrey Foyer.

Thank you letter from Karen Arnold to Chief Gagne and the Department for their support and respect at the funeral of her husband, The Honorable Richard Arnold.

Thank you letter to Sergeant Edwards from Karen Arnold thanking him for his comfort and support at the hospital the night her husband, The Honorable Richard Arnold passed.

Thank you letter to Chief Gagne from John Therina, thanking Lt. LaPlante and Officer Petrucelli for participating in the motorcade for his father.

### Personnel

9/11 Remembrance: Chief Gagne advised that we participated in a few events, Mission BBQ flag raising and National Anthem, a Blue Mass at our Lady of the Assumption Church and a prayer service at St. Barbara's Greek Church. Chief Gagne asked that the Commission observe a moment of silence in recognition of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11.

PBA DORF: The Disability Officer Relief Fund golf tournament will be held October 5, 2021.

### Personnel Issues (Executive Session)

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

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Walker made a motion to bring the Board out of Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 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/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**

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COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY  
COMMISSIONER NYJAHWAHN WALKER

**TRAFFIC AUTHORITY  
Monday, September 13, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Unapproved Minutes**

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Barton called the Traffic Authority Meeting to order at 4:35p.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

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

**Commissioners Absent:**

Commissioner Chris Carveth

**Also Present:**

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

**Minutes**

Commissioner Cuzzocreo seconded by Commissioner Walker, made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Traffic Authority Meeting. **The motion passed 3-0 with Commissioner Hurley abstaining.**

**Old Business**

**Rt 34 and Rt 121 (Sodom Lane):** Chief Gagne provided an update. The traffic volume and left turn lanes have long been a concern for many. The State of CT DOT has been involved as well as local representatives and police departments. Traffic studies have shown that there is not a safety issue. Representative Welander held a meeting to rediscuss, result may be to outline turn lanes, pending major improvements to the intersection. Ultimately, all agree that to address this inefficiency of the intersection, left turn lanes and left turn arrows would be needed for both north and south approaches.

**New Business**

**Highway Safety Grant:** Chief Gagne advised that we did receive another distracted driving grant. He also advised that we are in discussion with Seymour, Derby, Ansonia, and Woodbridge.

**Correspondence**

None.

ORANGE POLICE  
TOWN OF ORANGE OFFICE  
RECEIVED  
2021 SEP 15 PM 12:26  
Mark N. Walker  
Traffic Authority

Commissioner Hurley seconded by Commissioner Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m.  
**The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary