

Town of Hamden Police Commission
Minutes of the meeting
January 13, 2010

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Reginald Higgins, Elliott Kerzner, Gerald Migliaro,
Meg Nowacki, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town
Attorney Sue Gruen

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Kerzner called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Chairman Kerzner entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2009. Ms. Nowacki motioned to accept the minutes of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Higgins. ***The vote carried unanimously.***

At this time Ms. Nowacki motioned to move New Business item “a” to this time of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Higgins. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

At this time Police Chief Wydra advised the Commission that he is withdrawing the charges from December 1, 2009 and handle them in house. The other charges are to be handled under the disciplinary process. Attorney Harry Elliott representing Officer Stephen Phipps advised the Commission that his client has agreed to waive the thirty day time factor but is requesting a copy of the internal affairs packet in order to represent his client. Chief Wydra will provide said information. Chief Wydra and Attorney Elliott will discuss a possible date for the disciplinary hearing and advise the Commission of said date in a reasonable amount of time.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra reviewed the report for the month of December 2009.
- b. Items of concern – nothing at this time.
- c. Correspondence – Chairman Kerzner reviewed the correspondence in the packet.

PUBLIC/MEDIA COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) – (AS NEEDED) – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Equipment – Chief Wydra would like to use the recent donation from the CT Classic Chevy organization in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase equipment for the Farmington Canal line, preferably an electric vehicle of some type and not an ATV. He will keep the Commission updated on the process.
- b. Budget Review – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that the OT cost for the year will be more than budgeted but does not see a problem. Chief Wydra is currently working on the 2010 – 2011 budget and is slightly behind and has requested an extension from the Mayor which was granted. He noted that there will be additional expenses due to the new structure they will be located in.

***THE HAMDEN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2010***

NEW BUSINESS – Please see the beginning of the minutes.

OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEAD

Chairman Kerzner will be forwarding a letter to Mayor Jackson regarding Haverford St and Ridge Road and requesting the removal of the speed bumps on Waite St. He would like to see the current Commissions remain seated. He also noted he would not be present for the February 2010 meeting.

Chief Wydra noted the upcoming Award for Sgt. Thomas Ragozzino, Jr., on January 23, and that Officer Todd Ames has retired effective January 13, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m. Ms. Nowacki motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Higgins. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010, in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex 7:30 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk