

Town of Hamden Police Commission
Minutes of the Special Meeting
May 11, 2012

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Michael Iezzi, Robert LaTorraca, Gerald Migliaro
Mitchell Strickland, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello Town
Attorney Sue Gruen

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Iezzi called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

Chairman Iezzi went over the guidelines for the hearing. The question was raised regarding the court reporter and it was decided Mr. Rankin would not remain in the room. It was decided the clerk would remain in the room to mark exhibits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

At 10:30 a.m. Ms. Curtis motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of resolving the disciplinary outcome for the actions of Officer Timothy Brown, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Those present will be the Commission, Town Attorney Sue Gruen, Attorney John Walsh, Attorney, Andrew Crumbie, Attorney Daniel Esposito and Attorney D. Young, Officer Brown, Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello.

Chairman Iezzi asked the attorney's if they wished for the hearing to be open or closed an all parties agreed it would be closed.

At 2:43 p.m. Chairman Iezzi called for recess and for this matter to be continued at a later date chosen by the parties present.

On June 11, 2012 at 5:14 p.m. Chairman Iezzi reconvened the meeting for continuance of this matter.

At 8:42 p.m. Chairman Iezzi called for recess and for this matter to be continued at a later date chosen by the parties present.

Tuesday, June 26, 2012. Commission reconvened in Executive Session at 5:45 pm.
Recessed at 7:35 pm.

Wednesday, June 27, 2012. Mtg reconvened at 5:20 pm.

Motion to come out of executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Strickland, guilty on 4.03 (read the charges) seconded by Commissioner Migliari. Unanimous vote of all 5 commissioners.

Commissioner Iezzi announced there would be a 15 minute recess.

Commission voted to go back into executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Strickland to amend the charge to guilty of 4.23 (read the charges) seconded.

Unanimous vote of all 5 commissioners; further amended to not guilty on 1.0; 1.11; 4.06 and 5.01. Unanimous vote.

Attorney Walsh asked the commission that before they discuss the penalty that they immediately return Officer Brown to work; that Officer Brown be made whole; and that Officer Brown's attorney's fees be reimbursed.

Attorney Crumbie responded by objecting to Attorney Walsh's request stating that wrongdoing was found against Officer Brown and that it would be wrong to set such precedent and it would send the wrong message.

Motion to go into Executive Session, Seconded and voted unanimously by commission. Police Chief Wydra was asked to come into the session to consult with the Chief about the penalty for the violation.

The commission came out of executive session. Motion by Commissioner Strickland for an oral reprimand for violation of 4.23. Seconded. Unanimous vote of the commission.

Commissioner Iezzi- closing remarks. Chief had an obligation to bring forth the charges to the commission. He then thanked and commended the attorneys and the Chief for their participation in the process. He announced that the requests by Attorney Walsh were out of the purview of the Commission.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk