

Town of Hamden Police Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
November 9, 2016

Attending: Raeann Curtis, Larry Esposito, Robert LaTorraca, Mitchell Strickland,
Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello

Absent: Michael Iezzi

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Iezzi called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Vice Chairman LaTorraca entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2016. Mr. Strickland motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2016, seconded by Mr. Esposito. *The motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Nothing at this time.

MONTHLY REPORT

Review of department activity –

- a. Chief Wydra along with Chief Thomas McLoughlin of the North Haven Police Department, and Chief Edward Lennon of the East Haven Police Department are pleased to announce the successful completion of a regional training program on the topic of emotional survival and wellness for police officers that was presented by Dr. Kevin M. Gilmartin. Chief Wydra noted the program provided good advice.

The Child Seat program continues to be very busy

There was a bomb threat at Hamden High School. Vice Chairman LaTorraca inquired, how does the department know if it is real or not. Chief Wydra noted that it came into dispatch and not the school and that the individual was young. Chief Wydra noted you only have to look at Columbine and not second guess. He thanked the New Haven PD, Yale PD and Amtrack for their help. With four teams going through the school checking every inch it was speedy.

- b. Correspondence – In the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Budget Review – Chief Wydra noted nothing unusual at this time. Ms. Curtis inquired if any new staff will be hired. Chief Wydra noted he is waiting for the Mayor to submit his budget, which is actually tonight to the Council and Chief Wydra did include addition staff to the Mayor in his budget.

- b. Review and approval of meeting schedule for 2017 – At the October meeting the 2017 schedule was presented. Chairman Iezzi inquired of the members if they were amicable to changing the schedule to reflect no meetings in January and December. The current schedule indicates no meetings in July and August. Since only three of the members were present Chairman Iezzi felt this should be tabled for all present.

The schedules were reviewed with the choice of no meetings in January and December beginning with the 2017 schedule with the start time change to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Strickland motioned to approve the 2017 schedule with no meetings in January and December and the start time changed to 5:00 p.m. seconded by Mr. Esposito. *The motion carried unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION not at this time.

REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

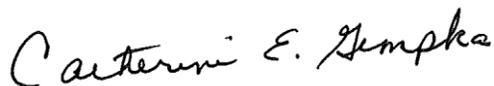
- a. Review and decision of one (1) Policy and Procedures – Chief Wydra ask that this item be tabled for the December 14, 2016 meeting when all members would be present to discuss and make a decision. Mr. Strickland motioned to table this item for the December 14, 2016 meeting, seconded by Ms. Curtis. *The motion carried unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Strickland motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Esposito. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 14, 2016 following the Traffic Authority meeting in the Activity Room, Miller Library Senior Center, Hamden CT.

Recorded by,



Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk