

***Town of Hamden Police Commission***  
***Minutes of the Special Meeting***  
***September 14, 2011***

**Attending:** Raeann Curtis, Reginald Higgins, Michael Iezzi, Judi Kozak, Gerald Migliaro, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Sue Gruen

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chairman Kozak called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2011. Mr. Iezzi motioned to approve he minutes, seconded by Mr. Higgins. *The motion carried unanimously.*

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- a. Review of department activity – Chairman Kozak noted the change in the number of alarm calls. Chief Wydra noted that since the increase in false alarm fee wa increased the numbers have come down. Mr. Iezzi inquired if less people are utilizing their systems but the Chief feels this isn't the case. Chairman Kozak praised the continue training of the K-9 unit and also the officers. She inquired if this an on going process and the Chief stated yes that just like humans when you don't continually use something you loose your edge, it's the same with the dogs. Chief Wydra noted that officer training has been a focal point for many years for the department.
- b. Items of concern – nothing at this time.
- c. Correspondence – Chairman Kozak read aloud the list of names of officers who received letters thanking them for their commitment and professionalism. Chairman Kozak gives a big hat's off to them and Mr. Iezzi echoes this statement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

***Mr. John Melillo, 22 Cherry Ann St.*** – Mr. Melillo referred to his letter and the harassment he feels he has suffered from one Officer in particular. He also feels that more officers should be on the evening shift. He also made note of Lt. Michael McNeil and Lt. Timothy Wydra taking department vehicles home, he feels this is an abuse.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Budget Review – Nothing unusual at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Letter of complaint from John P. Melillo to be addressed – Chief Wydra noted that the letter has to be notarized and resubmitted to the department for action.

Chairman Kozak advised Mr. Melillo of this and he agreed he will send another letter.

- b. Set date for disciplinary hearing for Police Department personnel – Chairman Kozak entertained a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel involved in this matter. At 7:07 p.m. Mr. Iezzi motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel involved in this matter, seconded by Ms. Curtis. Those present will be the Commissioners, Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Gruen, Attorney Henry Alexander representing the Police Department and Attorney Esposito representing the Union and the clerk Cathy Gempka. ***The motioned carried unanimously.*** At 7:26 p.m. Mr. Iezzi motioned to reconvene from Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motioned carried unanimously.*** It was decided that the disciplinary hearings will be on Thursday, October 20, 2011 and Thursday, October 27, 2011 both starting at 6:00 p.m. The clerk will secure a room for each date and a court reporter for the meetings. Should these matters be resolved the meetings will not take place.
- c. Set date for appeal of discipline Police Department personnel – This item is cover above in item ***b.***

**EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) – (AS NEEDED)** – Please see New Business items ***b & c.***

**OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEAD**

At this time a brief discussion ensued regarding the monthly meeting for October 2011. The meeting date is changed from Wednesday, October 12, 2011 to Tuesday, October 11, 2011 and the meeting will be held in the Town Attorney Conference room, Lower Level of the Government Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:27 p.m. Mr. Iezzi motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Higgins. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

***The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in the Town Attorney Conference Room, Lower Level of the Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Ave. at 6:30 p.m.***

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka  
Commission Clerk