

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
MINUTES OF MEETING: February 12, 2024

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner John Sousoulas  
Commissioner Patty Austin  
Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis  
Commissioner Christine Ciociola  
Commissioner Robert Nash  
Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins.

Also present was Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves.

The meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Sousoulas.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from January 8, 2024 (as corrected by the Clerk). Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Autin to add the FY 2024/2025 budget to the agenda for consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

Chief Mulhern provided copies of the Monthly Statistical and Training Reports from January 2024. He reported motor vehicle thefts are staying consistent trending the same. Shoplifting is increasing, patrols have been increased in various locations. Domestic Violence cases are trending upwards. A Case of Significance included a home invasion and assault, the offender has been arrested and charged. Traffic enforcement is up. Accidents are steady. He provided a lengthy Training Synopsis. He also provided a Personnel Overview to provide a current breakdown of staffing for the month of January. He announced that Bill Burghart has announced that he will be leaving to take a position at the Marshal's Service.

**Letters:**

Letters of Recognition and appreciation were received recognizing the following: Officers Luzzi, MacIsaac, Campanelli, Vitals, Sgt. Carney, Officer Massey, Detective Bureau, LACSW Surace and Crime Analyst Sam Herman and Records Administrator Michael Smith.

Chief Mulhern provided copies of the budget proposal to the commission. He also provided a copy of a letter from James Finch, Finance Director concerning the upcoming budget. He reviewed the budget in detail. Deputy Chief Alves provided additional information concerning the capital request in the amount of \$515,000 for the cost of a new police boat. He provided a

memo dated January 18, 2024 with additional information concerning the condition of current police boat by an accredited marine surveyor. Deputy Chief Alves stated that the current vessel is 25 years old. The surveyor determined that there is higher than normal moisture on the hull transom and hull bottom. There is no access to determine the condition of the stringers. The useful life of the fuel tank is approximately 20 years. The boat is operational for seasonal use however, if repairs need to be made, it may result in the loss of use of the vessel for a season. The surveyor also noted that the size of the vessel is undersized for use in Long Island Sound.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the budget contingent to adjustments by the Finance Department. Seconded by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis. Vote unanimous.

Police Department Renovation Project – Deputy Chief Alves stated that the Board of Finance has approved the bond authorization for the funding of the project. Now it goes to the RTM for consideration.

Report of the Chair – no report

Citizens Comments – none.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Heggie Margolis. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk