

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
MINUTES OF MEETING: April 8, 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 February 12, 2024.  
Seconded by Commissioner Ciociola. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to enter into executive session at 5:31 p.m. to interview a candidate for the position of Police Officer. Chairman Sousoulas invited candidate Matthew Siwek to attend the executive session.

Return to regular meeting at 5:44 p.m.

For the record no votes were taken during executive session.

Present during executive session were: Commissioners Sousoulas, Austin, Heggie-Margolis, Ciociola, Nash and Wiel-Wilkins. Also present were: Chief Mulhern, Deputy Chief Alves and candidate Matthew Siwek.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the hiring of Matthew Siwek as Police Officer effective April 22, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

Chief Mulhern provided copies of the Monthly Statistical and Training Reports from February and March 2024. He reported that the 2024 budget was approved by the Board of Finance and will go to the RTM for consideration. The current budget is trending similar to last year. He reported that Captain Watrous completed the 10 week FBI National Academy Training. The department participated in training in the Bring Me Back Home Program. They also met with member of Peace, Love and Accessibility concerning the misuse of Handicapped Parking passes.

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The department also participated in the Shoreline Diaper Drive. He also reported that there has been an increase in Domestic Violence cases. Overnight burglary cases have increased region wide. Cases of Significance included a cyber sale of a high end motor vehicle, the seller was provided with a fraudulent check. The vehicle was recovered and an arrest was made.

Letters:

Letters of Recognition and appreciation were received recognizing the following: Detective Andrew, Officers McCone, Cope, Luzzi and Dispatcher Boisseau. Officer Clyburn, Lt. Carangelo, Detective Atkinson, Officer Vitale, Sgt. Carney and K9 Arrow.

Police Department Renovation Project – Deputy Chief Alves stated that the Public Building Commission approved Life Cycle Cost Analysis of three different mechanical systems for the Police Headquarters Renovation and Expansion Project.

Report of the Chair – no report

Citizens Comments – none.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Heggie Margolis. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk