## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS 33 LAUREL STREET BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644 MINUTES OF MEETING: July 11, 2022

## **Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Jill Marcus Commissioner Valerie Wiel-Wilkins Commissioner John Sousoulas Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis Commissioner Patty Austin

Also present was Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves.

The meeting called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Chair Jill Marcus.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from June 13, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to enter into executive session at 5:39 p.m. to interview to consider a candidate for the position of Supernumerary Officer. Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves were invited to attend executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Return to regular session at 5:45 p.m.

For the record no votes were taken while in executives session.

Present during executive session were: Commissioners Marcus, Sousoulas, Wiel-Wilkins, Heggie-Margolis, Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to extend a conditional offer of employment to Patrick O'Malley as a Supernumerary Officer effective August 1, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

## Report of the Chief:

Chief Mulhern provided the Compstat Monthly Statistical Report. He reported that there were two purse thefts from Aldi and Stop & Shop. He reminded residents to be aware of their surroundings.

Forfeiture Report – Chief Mulhern reported that there is no change this month.

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Discussion regarding the School Resource Officer Program – Chief Mulhern reported that they are looking at adding Supernumerary Officers in the schools full time. Changes to the program will provide for increased communication with students and staff. Officers will establish trusting relationships with staff and students that may provide for early intervention in situations. The officers will also have specialized training.

Letters of Recognition – Letters of recognition/appreciation were received concerning Officer Richardson,k Social Worker Danielle Suraci, Sergeant Carney and K-9 Arrow and Dispatchers Amber Boisseau and Patty Numberg.

Deputy Chief Alves provided an overview of the departments training. He reported that Captain Watrous attended a Police Executive Research Forum; Officer Harrington attended the Police Academy to assist Recruit Officer Clyburn with Shotgun and Rifle Training; Sergeant Loftis attend an Advanced Interview and Interrogation Course; Sergeant Romanella attended a First Line Supervisor Course; Office MacIsaac attend a course to become a POSTC Approved Instructor; Officers Morgan and Burghart attended Simunitions Training; Officer Morgan attended Rifle Instructor School; the drone team completed training; Detective Herten attended specialized Computer Crimes training; all officers completed Responding to Calls Involving Mental Health and OSHa – Fire Extinguisher Training both yearly refreshers and ongoing PoliceOne Training electives are completed by officers and dispatchers during shift down time.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the report of the Chief. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chair – No report.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk