



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

Monday, December 14, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Commissioner Kenneth Heidkamp, Chairman
Commissioner Frank Cipriano
Commissioner Fran Barton
Commissioner George Moreira

Also Present: Chief James Viadero
Officer Alton Cronin
Officer Ed Demers
Barbara Whitaker, Recording Clerk
Kelly Cronin, Colton Cronin, McKenna Cronin,
Jack Cronin and Lane Cronin
Mr. and Mrs. Cronin
Bill Bittar, Reporter – Republican American
Linda Zukauskas, Reporter – Voices

Excused Commissioner Paul Bowler
Absent:

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, the Chairman turned the meeting over to Chief Viadero. Chief Viadero stated that last month Officer Ed Demers was recognized by AAA and that in November, three other officers, Officer Pruchnicki, Officer Blick and Officer Kalvaitis were recognized by the Waterbury Exchange.

Chief Viadero stated that he, the Middlebury Police Commission and the Middlebury Police Department recognizes Officer Alton Cronin as a constant professional who gone above and beyond what is required as a patrol officer and who has investigated narcotics activity in Middlebury and in surrounding towns. The Chief then presented Officer Cronin with a Citation of Honor.



Approval of November 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Approval of December 7, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Cipriano MOTIONED to approve November 9, 2015 Meeting
Commissioner Moreira MOTIONED to approve the December 7, 2015 Meeting, SECONDED by
Commissioner Cipriano. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports

Personnel and Labor – Commissioner Moreira

No Report.

Building and Equipment – Commissioner Cipriano

Commissioner Cipriano said that there is another new car that is coming in the first quarter of 2016. The Chief said it is coming fully equipped, it just needs to have the radio installed.

The Chairman will sit with the Acting Chief and talk about some of the Committee assignments. He is hoping to find some slack in the other departments to cover the overtime.

Rules and Regulations – Commissioner Barton

No Report.

Budget and Overtime – Commissioner Bowler

No Report.

Chief's Report

The Chief gave a brief report and indicated that it had been a quiet month.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Officer Demers, Blick, Kalvaitis and Pruchnicki and Officer Cronin for their contributions. Additionally, the Chairman thanked all of the men and women of the department because they are doing a good job day in and day out. The Chairman added that the Middlebury townspeople support the police department.

At this time, the Chairman thanked Chief Viadero for his service and his accomplishments stating that "When he first met him he was very impressed." "Your accomplishments with the new equipment, the new canine, the commentary from Westover, Region 15 and NWPS are all very commendable."

Chief said it has been an honor and a pleasure, and it is bittersweet.

Commissioner Cipriano said that he could not enough about the Chief and the great job he's done in such a short period of time. He's hoping the new chief will keep the work going on the accreditation. There was a brief discussion on a Sergeant's exam.

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Chairman stated that the Town of Middlebury will be following steps of Newtown in their search for a Chief. Instead of going through the POST, the Police Commission will be appointed as the search Committee.

Commissioner Moreira MOTIONED that Middlebury Board of Police Commissioners appoint itself and any other ex-officio members as the search committee for a Chief of Police; SECONDED by Commissioner Cipriano. Unanimous approval.

Correspondence

Please refer to the packet.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Cipriano MOTIONED to ADJOURN, SECONDED by Commissioner Moreira. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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