



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

Monday, July 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Commissioner George Moreira, Chairman
Commissioner Fran Barton
Commissioner Paul Bowler
Commissioner Frank Cipriano
Commissioner Tom King

Also Present: Attorney Elliot Spector
Officer Randy Ireland
Officer Alton Cronin
Sgt. Patrick Deeley
Officer Fred DeVurger
Officer Fred Marcantonio
Ned Love
John Desmarais
Richard Montville
Marj Needham, Reporter – Bee Intelligencer

Also Present: Attorney Robert Smith
Attorney Tom Parisot
Attorney Tara Shaw
Edward B. St. John, First Selectman
Chief Fran Dabbo
Barbara Whitaker, Recording Clerk
Amy VonCullin

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of June 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Cipriano MOTIONED to approve the minutes, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval.

At this time the Chairman dispensed with the regular reporting for tonight's meeting because no Chief's report or monthly correspondence was provided. The Chairman stated that the Commission would proceed directly to the Loudermill hearing.

Executive Session

Loudermill Hearing

Commissioner Cipriano MOTIONED to go into Executive Session for the Loudermill Hearing and invited in Chief Dabbo, First Selectman St. John, Attorney Parisot, Attorney Shaw and Attorney Smith and Amy VonCullin, Officers Cronin and Ireland and Attorney Spector; SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval. Attorney Spector stated that Officers Cronin and Ireland requested to keep the hearing private and the public was not invited to attend.

Amy VonCullin exited the Loudermill hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Attorney Spector, Officers Cronin and Ireland exited the Loudermill hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to come out of Executive Session, SECONDED by Commissioner Barton. Unanimous approval.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. No votes were taken

Commissioner Barton MOTIONED to terminate Officer Alton Cronin from employment with the Middlebury Police Department for serious misconduct as outlined in the Loudermill notice, as revised, and set forth in the oral report and supporting evidence presented to this Commission this evening; SECONDED by Commissioner Cipriano. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Barton MOTIONED to terminate Officer Randy Ireland from employment with the Middlebury Police Department for serious misconduct as outlined in the Loudermill notice, as revised, and set forth in the oral report and supporting evidence presented to this Commission this evening; SECONDED by Commissioner Cipriano. NO discussion. Unanimous approval.

The officers requested to retrieve their personal belongings/materials out of the Middlebury Police Department. The Chief said he didn't have a problem with them retrieving their personal items from the police department. The Commission requested that they be accompanied by authorized personnel while doing so.

Adjournment

Commissioner Cipriano MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted this 9th day of July, 2019 subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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