

NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting of September 13, 2010

Monday, September 13, 2010
5:00 p.m.

North Branford Police Headquarters
Meeting/Training Room

Clerk Landolfi called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman T. Jerry Juliano - absent
Commissioner David Palumbo
Commissioner John Landolfi
Commissioner Christopher Cozzi
Commissioner Dan Troiano
Police Chief Matthew Canelli
Deputy Police Chief Michael Doody
Lieutenant David D'Ancicco

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of Officers

Commissioner Landolfi moved, seconded by Commissioner Palumbo to nominate Dan Troiano as Chairman.

VOTE:

Commissioner Landolfi – Yes
Commissioner Cozzi – Yes
Commissioner Palumbo – Yes
Commissioner Troiano - Yes

The motion was carried unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION OF K-9 PROGRAM

Chief Canelli stated that for many years we had a K-9 and now we borrow from other Towns. There are many civic groups in Town that would be interested in raising funds to get a K-9 back in Town. The Northford and North Branford Women's club are interested parties and are here tonight. Chief Canelli reviewed the cost of the K-9 Program with the Commissioners stating that the vet in Town Dr. Efrin Osario offered to provide medical care at no cost to the Town and would put insurance on the dog.

Lt. D'Ancicco presented a K-9 Unit Informational PowerPoint presentation

Superintendent of Schools Mr. Schoonmaker spoke about the K-9 program that Old Saybrook had and in conjunction with the High School. Mr. Schoonmaker stated that a dog is a huge deterrent with drugs, they had nothing but positive experiences with the K-9 and that he knows that the schools would be willing to do fundraisers to help with the cost of the dog.

Officer Cyrus, former West Haven K-9 Police Officer stated that a K-9 is the best community outreach tool you can have. It was just passed within the past year or two that workers compensation (CIRMA) will pay for costs of injuries of an on duty dog.

Maggie Delaney of the North Branford Women's Club asked if the handler would be on duty 24/7 and Lt. D'Ancicco stated that all officers are on duty 24/7.

Maggie Delaney also asked what if the handler is on vacation? Lt. D'Ancicco responded that the dog does not report to duty if the handler is not there.

Elisa Orio of the Northford Women's Club asked if we had an officer and how soon do you need the money? Chief Canelli responded that we do not have an officer yet, we will open it up to everyone and the administrative staff will then put everything into account such as personnel files, etc for the best fitting officer.

4. SHORT RECESS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 14, 2010

Commissioner Landolfi moved, seconded by Commissioner Cozzi to approve the minutes of June 14, 2010.

VOTE:

Chairman Troiano – Abstain
Commissioner Cozzi – Yes
Commissioner Palumbo - Yes
Commissioner Landolfi – Yes

The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Reports

- a. Chairman - None
- b. Clerk - None
- c. Chief

Chief Canelli presented the following reports for August 2010; Incident Activity Report, Detective/Youth Bureau Activity and the Vehicle Maintenance Report.

Chief Canelli presented the following thank you:

- 1) A letter from Pam Gery of the Parks and Recreation Department thanking the department for all of their assistance with the Potato Festival.

Chief Canelli presented the following certificates:

- 1) A gift certificate for winning a SWAT challenge. Two rifles were won and North Haven SWAT team is taking one and North Branford is taking one.

Chief Canelli asked the commission what they thought about bring the K-9 unit back to Town since we have the support of the Rotary, Women's Clubs and Schools.

Commissioner Landolfi stated that he thinks it is a great program and a great step forward.

Chairman Troiano stated that it is a good asset to have

Commissioner Landolfi moved, seconded by Commissioner Cozzi to move forward with the K-9 unit.

VOTE:

- Chairman Troiano – Yes
- Commissioner Cozzi – Yes
- Commissioner Palumbo - Yes
- Commissioner Landolfi – Yes

The motion was carried unanimously.

Liaison to the Town Council Rose Angeloni stated that she will speak to the Finance Committee to float the money so that we can get a handler/dog for the October training session while the civic organizations are raising money.

Chief Canelli stated that we forgot to ask for the five (5) comp days for myself and the deputy chief.

Commissioner Landolfi moved, seconded by Commissioner Palumbo to approve the five (5) comp days.

VOTE:

Chairman Troiano – Yes
Commissioner Cozzi – Yes
Commissioner Palumbo - Yes
Commissioner Landolfi – Yes

The motion was carried unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fleet Status

Chief Canelli stated that he just wanted to keep the Commissioner advised of what is going on with the fleet. For three months (June – August) 2008, we spent \$2801.71, 2009 \$4671.91 and 2010 \$11,797.96. To put a band aid on the situation, we need to have two new cars.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

a. Bruce's Ride – Bike Ride

Deputy Chief Doody discussed the Bruce's Ride request from Steven Angelo of St. Raphael's Hospital.

Commissioner Landolfi moved, seconded by Commissioner Palumbo to approve Bruce's Ride in coming through Town.

VOTE:

Chairman Troiano – Yes
Commissioner Cozzi – Yes
Commissioner Palumbo - Yes
Commissioner Landolfi – Yes

The motion was carried unanimously.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cozzie moved, seconded by Commissioner Landolfi to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

VOTE:

Chairman Troiano – Yes
Commissioner Cozzi – Yes
Commissioner Palumbo - Yes
Commissioner Landolfi – Yes

The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Landolfi, Clerk
Board of Police Commissioners