

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MAY 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Commissioner Millington at 4:36 pm.

Those present were: the Chairman, Commissioner Millington; the Secretary, Commissioner Pine, Commissioner Stone; Commissioner Cafferelli; Commissioner Lebo; Commissioner Ambrose; Commissioner Kiley (remote); Chief Kalamaras, Captain Broderick and Attorney Zabel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Cafferelli motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; motion seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

The president of the PBA, Officer Quiles, presented the updated PBA Bylaws to the Commission explaining that they have not been updated since the 1980's. Commissioner Pine requested they change some language to have a countersignature on the checking account. Commissioner Lebo also suggested two signatures. Officer Quiles said that any further changes would have to go to a vote of the membership to later be brought back to the Police Commission for approval. Commissioner Millington suggested they vote on the by-laws as they stand and amendments can be made in the future. Commissioner Millington made a motion to approve the by-laws as presented; Commissioner Lebo seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Traffic Surveys: none.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Animal Control donations as follows: (2) \$25.00 Stop & Shop gift cards from Philip Spalla, 1157 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield; \$5.00 from Marinela Novak, 61 Hilltop Drive, Southport; \$150.00 from Fairfield Beach Residents Association (Carolyn Kamlet, President and Donna Alatakis, Treasurer); \$84.00 from Jacqueline Levin, 1888 Stratfield Road, Fairfield. Commissioner Pine motioned to accept the donations; motion seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli; carried unanimously.

Monthly Report was reviewed and discussed. Chief Kalamaras addressed the Police Commission with the following for the month:

- Traffic Safety Unit participated in the Distracted Driving Enforcement campaign from April 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021.
- Fairfield Police Department was awarded almost \$33,000.00 from the D.O.T. for our annual comprehensive D.U.I. enforcement effort from May 13, 2021 thru September 11, 2021.
- Current staffing levels are at 107 sworn officers. Officers Alan Bakula, Eamonn Monks and Anthony Falbo are in the academy, but on the road for two weeks with an FTO as part of a new training initiative. They will be graduating in July 2021.
- Officers Nicholas Ardizzone and Cassandra Drogan are on FTO and doing well.
- Marine Unit is underway for the season.
- Noise complaints continue to be significantly higher than previous years. The breakdown is as follows: beach area; music/parties in other areas. Assorted (construction, trash pick-up, loud mufflers, car alarms, kids playing). Part of the increase could be from the warmer weather and people having been cooped up due to COVID 19 and more people at home.

The Board of Police Commissioners will only be heard through Webex going forward in an effort to support the First Selectwoman's technology initiative and to allow more people to attend the meetings from home and office.

Commissioner Cafferelli asked Chief Kalamaras about the morale of the officers given the current national climate. Chief Kalamaras said that the rank and file are doing well and in good spirits.

Commissioner Stone made a request to Chairman, Commissioner Millington, for a point of personal privilege and addressed the Police Commission with the following: In 1962, President Kennedy declared May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and further declared the week of this date is National Police Week. We hereby recognize all of our sworn officers for their outstanding performance as exemplified by their dedication, compassion and sense of community while maintaining their professional training in all situations.

Motion made by Commissioner Pine to go into private executive session at 4:50pm to address personnel matters; motion seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chairman, Commissioner Millington, to add Attorney Zabel to the executive session; motion seconded by Commission Ambrose; carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ambrose to end executive session at 6:04pm; motion was seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to accept the resignation of Captain Tursi for July 2, 2021 and waive the ninety (90) day resignation requirement indicated in his contract; Commissioner Lebo seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pine made a motion to adjourn at 6:05pm; motion seconded by Commissioner Ambrose; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pine
Secretary