

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Commissioner Cafferelli at 4:30 pm.

Those present were: the Chairman, Commissioner Cafferelli; Secretary Commissioner Millington, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Pine, Commissioner Lebo, Commissioner Ambrose, Commissioner Kiley, Chief Lyddy, Deputy Chief Smith, Captain Kalamaras, Captain Bucherati, Captain Tursi, and Lieutenant Broderick.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from previous meetings were approved in a motion made by Commissioner Lebo; seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

Awards were given as follows:

Officer of the Quarter was presented to Officer Virgil Procaccini, III for the period of October 15, 2020 thru January 14, 2021. He was selected unanimously by the Patrol Division Lieutenants and Sergeants for his many traits some of which are his calm and humble demeanor and his strong confidence along with his persistent work ethic, initiative, investigative skills, judgement, reliability and professionalism.

The Support Award was presented to Sergeant Felix Esposito and Officer Nicole Gerosa for all their hard work in providing the Fairfield Police Department with the new technology, PowerDMS. Sergeant Esposito gave a quick presentation on the new software that has the tools to reorganize and maintain the Police Department's Policy & Procedures.

Commissioner Cafferelli motioned to go into private session at 4:42 pm; motion seconded by Commissioner Pine; carried unanimously. No motions made, no votes taken. Commissioner Cafferelli motioned to end private session and resume public session at 5:01 pm; motioned seconded by Commissioner Millington; carried unanimously. Commissioner Ambrose motioned to revoke and waive the prior discipline action the Police Commission had taken regarding the matter of Lieutenant Jeffrey Bloch with the understanding that he moves forward with no further modifications being made in favor of Jeffrey Bloch. The settlement agreement is approved as presented; motion seconded by Commissioner Millington; carried unanimously.

Traffic Surveys:

TS #1 LOCATION: Reef Road. **NATURE OF REQUEST:** Reef Road is a frequent path of travel to tractor trailers, vehicles and buses. If vehicles are parked here, their turn is unable to be negotiated safely and make it nearly impossible to turn. We request to install "No Parking Any Time" signs on Reef Road between One Rod Highway and the north entrance to Veteran's Park on the northbound side. **BY WHOM:** Lieutenant Keith Broderick. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** Recommend installing one "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on Reef Road 25 feet south of Edward Street on the northbound side of the roadway. Recommend installing five "No Parking Anytime" signs on the northbound side of Reef Road between Edward Street and the northern most entrance to Veterans Park. The northern most sign shall have an arrow pointing toward the right. The southern most sign shall have an arrow pointing toward the left. Ensure that this sign is installed at Edward Street approximately 3 feet from the corner as to not allow parking at the corner. The three inner signs shall have arrows pointing left and right. Motion made by

Commissioner Millington to approve the recommendations; motion seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

TS #2 LOCATION: Concord Street. **NATURE OF REQUEST:** There is increased traffic speeding down our street in the past three months. There are four small children and three young teens residing on Concord Street and are at risk of being hit. There is a "Dead End" sign at the beginning of the street but not visible to those coming from Bridgeport direction. Please consider adding "No Beach Access" to the street sign. **BY WHOM:** Barbara Braun.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommend replacing the old "Dead End" sign and installing a new "Dead End" sign. Move the existing post approximately 3 feet closer to Riverside Drive. Recommend installing a small "Dead End" sign atop of the Concord Street sign in accordance with the MUTCD (W14-1 / W14-1A). Motion made by Commissioner Ambrose to approve the recommendations; motion seconded by Commissioner Pine; carried unanimously.

TS #3 LOCATION: 185 Thorpe Street. **NATURE OF REQUEST:** Request for a Complete Administrative Decision Review - Proposed Living Residential Development. - 185 Thorpe Street. **BY WHOM:** Michael A. Galante, Frederick P. Clark Associates.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to conduct an administrative decision review study. Michael Galante from Frederick P. Clark Associates, 41 Ruane Street addressed the Police Commission saying that the development is for 140 units for senior living. He is asking for the Police Commission for a concurrence for the traffic study. Michael Galante will send the traffic study to Chief Lyddy. Commissioner Millington motioned to postpone until the Commission receives the documents from Chief Lyddy; motioned seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

TS #4 LOCATION: Eastbourne Road and Grasmere Avenue. **NATURE OF REQUEST:** Request to change Eastbourne Road to a one way starting at Grasmere Avenue and going to Meadowbrook Road. This change is needed to assist with cars leaving Eastbourne Road which were having difficulty entering Grasmere Avenue so close to the Kings Highway intersection. We are requesting Eastbourne marked one way by two "One Way" signs at the corner of Eastbourne at Grasmere Avenue and we need two "Do not Enter" signs on Eastbourne Road at Meadowbrook Road. In addition we would like to add "NO Parking - Drop Off Only" in front of Pumpkin Pre-School. **BY WHOM:** Lieutenant Keith Broderick. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** Recommend changing Eastbourne Road into a one way street starting at Grasmere Avenue and continuing to Meadowbrook Road. Recommend installing two "One Way" signs on each side of Eastbourne Road at Grasmere Ave and two "One Way" signs on Eastbourne Road at Meadowbrook Road. Recommend installing two "DO NOT ENTER" signs on Eastbourne Road at Meadowbrook Road. Recommend installing four "NO PARKING - DROP OFF ONLY" signs on Eastbourne Road on the same side as Pumpkin Preschool between Grasmere Avenue and #30 Eastbourne Road (ending at the pumpkin preschool fence line and prior to the driveway to 30 Eastbourne Road) included with this will be pavement markings indicating the above. Recommend educating the public who reside in the area and preschool parents/staff with flyers indicating the start date of the street change and electronic message board if possible. Commissioner Millington motioned to approve the recommendations; Commissioner Lebo seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

- a) Supernumerary Officers Policy for approval and rate of pay (\$42.00/hr). Commissioner Millington motioned to approve the new pay rate; Commissioner Lebo seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
- b) New patch design. Chief Lyddy said that there was no need to vote on the new patch and that it will be phased in by January 2022.
- c) Increase in outside job rate (\$78.00/hr). Captain Kalamaras said this increase is from \$65/hour to \$78.00/hour and it will take effect on January 1, 2021 and letters will be sent to the vendors. Commissioner Millington motioned to approve the rate increase; motion seconded by Commissioner Pine; carried unanimously.
- d) September wrecker review. Commissioner Stone motioned to approve the tow list; motion seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.
- e) Animal Control donation of five (5) \$25.00 Stop & Shop gift cards from Philip Spalla, 1157 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield. Motion made by Commissioner Pine to accept the donation; motion seconded by Commissioner Millington; carried unanimously.

Monthly Report was reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Stone made a motion to adjourn at 5:47 pm; motion seconded by Commissioner Millington; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Millington
Secretary