

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by Acting-Chairman, Commissioner Lazinger at 4:35 pm.

Those present were: Acting-Chairman, Commissioner Lazinger; Acting-Secretary, Commissioner Stone; Commissioners Peterson, Lebo, Cafferelli and Barrett; Chief MacNamara, Deputy Chief Lyddy, Captain Smith, Captain Zabin, Lieutenant Kalamaras and Sergeant Paris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Acting-Chairman, Commissioner Lazinger and seconded by Commissioner Barrett; carried unanimously.

Traffic Surveys:

TS #1 - Unquowa Road and Unquowa Road West. Nature of request: request to tighten radius of the turn on the north side of Unquowa Road West where it intersects with Unquowa Road. By whom: Mr. Gary Garbarino.
Recommendation: to keep current curb conditions, paint fog line, paint island in the middle and install "Warning" W-1-10 right instead of left sign as shown in MUTCD Manual on Unquowa road westbound in accordance with MUTCD recommendations. Mr. Garbarino of 1200 Samuel Lane addressed the Commissioners and thanked Lt. Kalamaras and Brenda Kupchick (State Representative, District 132) for their help. He said that it is a safety issue because of the bus stop, senior citizens and it is a blind intersection. Pam Iacono (RTM District 8) addressed the Commissioners saying that she lives around the corner and she thanked the Police Department for helping with this matter and hopes the Commissioners will address the safety issue. Brenda Kupchick also addressed the Commissioners agreeing with Pam Iacono saying that it is definitely a safety issue. Lt. Kalamaras said that heavy vehicles could not negotiate the turn. They brought a fire truck and a school bus to measure for changes. He said that the bus stop should be moved up to get more react distance and trim the trees in the area. Commissioner Peterson said that they did go out and looked at it and came up with some recommendations that were within the guidelines. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the recommendation; Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion; carried unanimously. Barbara Carroll of 1194 Unquowa Road addressed the Commissioners saying that she and her husband George gave the Town an easement with the stipulation that the Town would not put any signs on their property. Chief MacNamara said that the sign goes before the curve. Mr. Garbarino said that when the neighbors received letters after the traffic survey was done, there was no mention of any recommendations by the traffic survey team. Chief MacNamara said that in the future the petitioners will receive the recommendations after the traffic survey had been completed.

TS #2 - Patton Drive at/between Reef Road and Fox Street. Nature of request: speeding cars not staying in respective lanes as they cut through Veterans Park. Request to paint a double center line to force drivers to navigate the natural curve of the road and thus reduce speed. By whom: Mr. Chad Czapla.
Recommendation: refer to MUTCD Manual Sections 3.B.01 - Subsection 9 - urban roadway with an ADT in excess of 6,000 vehicles and minimum of a 20 foot roadway. Mr. Czapla was unable to attend the meeting, but the Police Commissioners were given a letter addressed to the Board of Commissioners from Mr. Czapla along with a copy of an e-mail from William Hurley, Town Engineer, that were provided by Deputy Chief Lyddy. Deputy Chief Lyddy said that in reference to the MUTCD Manual to center lines subsection 12, you can put in a center line on this street. Manual does not prohibit. Commissioner Lazinger asked if that was the recommendation of the Police Department. Deputy Chief Lyddy agrees with William Hurley to just paint line at "S" curve. Discussion was held and in the end Commissioner Peterson recommended no line in the road. Commissioner Barrett moved that no action be taken; seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

Old Business: Commissioner Barrett asked about the Nichols Street closing. Chief MacNamara said that it had minimal impact on the neighborhood. Some neighbors came forth and said there was no major impact by the road closing. Nichols Street will be on the discussion for the November Commission meeting.

New Business: Donations: Chief MacNamara said that he had received a check for the K-9 Unit from the Wepay (Go Fund Me page) for \$82.59. He said that there were 2 events for K-9 Unit support. The K-9 Car Show which was organized by Lieutenant Tursi, Sergeant Irizarry, K-9 Officers Wells and Kaesmann and Special Officers Massafra & Martire, along with Ronald McDonald House and the Walk for Herald. Total donations from these events were \$7,171.38. Chief MacNamara also had donations to Animal Control from Courtney Whiting for \$5, Nancy Fray for \$25 and Deirdre Walsh for \$50 totally \$80. Commissioner Stone motioned to accept the donations; Commissioner Lebo seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Monthly Report: Chief MacNamara said that larcenies are up. Also, a police cruiser has been wrapped in pink thru donations from Miller Buick & Stick-it Graphics. Car will be pink and at different locations throughout the month of October.

Lt. Kalamaras said that in the future commissioners' packets will include updates on decisions made and where we are in the decision and will provide prior history regarding traffic surveys if there are any. Commissioner Peterson asked that the minutes be kept in a format to search for items. Commissioner Barrett said that a checklist is helpful.

Commissioner Lazinger motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.