

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2016

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

Those present were: the Chairman, Commissioner Hersh, Commissioners Peterson, Lebo, Stone and Barrett; Chief MacNamara, Deputy Chief Lyddy, Captain Smith, Lieutenant Kalamaras, Lieutenant Greene, Sergeant Irizarry and Officers Gary Wikman, Wells and Kaesmann. Also, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Pettit.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hersh requested a change to the agenda to accept a donation. Commission Peterson motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously. Mr. Jack Pettit addressed the Board of Commissioners saying that his son Jake Pettit was born and raised in Fairfield. He joined the Marines and served two tours in Afghanistan. Jake died in October 2016 and family and friends of Jake started a "go fund me" page raising \$5,000. This donation is for the Fairfield Police K-9 Unit. Chief MacNamara thanked Mr. & Mrs. Pettit for their donation and said that the next canine will be named "Jake".

Traffic Surveys:

T.S. #1 - Location: Primrose Lane between Morehouse Drive and Cascade Drive.

Nature of Request: Request making the intersection at Morehouse Drive and Primrose Lane a three-way stop. That would mean adding two stop signs on Morehouse Drive.

By whom: Mary Belletzkie

Recommendation: Denied

Lt. Kalamaras said that he would contact the homeowner of the residence in front of the bus stop. Commissioner Stone motioned to accept the recommendation; Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion; carried unanimously

T.S. #2 - Location: Rogers Road between Sunset Avenue and New England Avenue.

Nature of Request: Rodgers Road to be a "one-way" street coming from New England Avenue and going up through Rogers road to Sunset Avenue.

By whom: Robert Marchionni

Recommendation: Denied

Robert Marchionni of 80 Rodgers Road addressed the Board of Commissioners saying that the traffic study was done on Black Friday when there was low travel time. He said that there are at least 20-25 children in the neighborhood. Also, their community is a cut-thru with unsafe speeds. Commissioner Barrett said that she had some concerns for the emergency vehicles making it a one-way. They would have to go all the way around and it would add minutes to the response time. Lieutenant Kalamaras said the traffic study was done between November 23, 2016 and November 29, 2016. Commissioner Lebo voted to deny because of the safety issue and the impact on all of the streets. Commissioner Stone motioned to accept the recommendation; Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Lieutenant Kalamaras addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding an addendum to the traffic surveys: Post Road and Pequot Avenue.

Nature of Request: Curb enhancement to existing roadway markings.

By whom: William Hurley, Town Engineer

Officer Gary Wikman addressing the Board of Commissioners, said that there have been thirty-nine motor vehicle accidents in the past 2 years and that no one follows the pattern. Traffic horses had been set-up for six weeks with no motor vehicle accidents. He recommends going with the curbing which will not change the pattern and the stop sign will be moved over. Commissioner Stone motioned to approve; Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion; carried

unanimously. Chief MacNamara said that Officer Gary Wikman brought this issue forward and that this was a great example of initiatives taken by the Traffic Safety Unit.

Old Business: None

New Business:

K-9 Donations of \$5,000 from Merritt Hospitality, LLC. (HEI Hotels & Resorts)
\$25 from Linda and James Crowley in memory of Norma Primerano (former Police Department employee).
\$2,500 from Connecticut Tank Removal
\$275.10 Go Fund Me
\$100.00 check from Henry Kutash and Myron Semchuck of the CT Seaport Car Club Inc.
\$22.50 check from Caron and Lynn Keenan of 139 Miro Street Fairfield CT
\$15.00 check from Kathleen White of 157 Knapps Highway Fairfield CT
\$50.00 check from Frank and Jacqueline Marak of 86 Reid Street Fairfield CT
\$5.00 check from Sylvia and Paul Hongo of 133 Lynnbrook Road Fairfield CT
\$15.00 check from June Gibbons of 280 Spring Hill Road Fairfield CT
\$100.00 check from Thomas & Mary Flatley of 1020 Jennings Road Fairfield CT
\$25.00 check from Richard Cellar of 83 Lawrence Road Fairfield CT
\$200.00 Money Order from Daniel Vener of 255 Wormwood Road Fairfield CT
\$20.00 cash from Eleanor Mendell of 50 Revere Lane Fairfield CT
\$141.00 cash donation from the K9 collection jar at Country Cow Fairfield CT

\$1648.00 in K9 Donations at the **Country Cow Fundraiser** on November 12th 2016 to include the following check donations:

*\$20.00 check from Jon & Christine Vaccarella of 42 Sasapequan Road Fairfield CT
*\$20.00 check from Gina Gambino of 112 Astoria Avenue Bridgeport CT
*\$25.00 check from Susan Barrett of 122 Wilton Road Fairfield CT
*\$100.00 check from David and Nancy Fuller of 317 Villa Avenue Fairfield CT
*\$100.00 check from Elizabeth McEvoy of 182 Glengarry Road Fairfield CT
***\$3,364.56 check from the Walk with Harold Fundraiser (Ronald McDonald House Charities)
***\$5,000.00 donation from Brian Russo (SVP) Corp Finance HEI Hotels & Resorts 101 Merritt Seven Corp.
Park Norwalk CT

Animal Control donations of \$20 from William Lugo

\$5 from an anonymous donor

\$16.87 from Annika Acuff.

\$500 from Marilyn & Philip Spalla

Donations were accepted with motion by Commissioner Peterson; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

Officer Romaine Chamberlain will have completed his probationary period on December 15, 2016.

Monthly Report: Commission Barrett commented on how well the monthly report is done.

Commissioner Hersh asked for a motion to set the dates for next year's Police Commission meeting as follows - 1/11/17, 2/8/17, 3/8/17, 4/12/17, 5/10/17, 6/14/17, 7/12/17, 8/9/17, 9/13/17, 10/11/17, 11/8/17 and 12/13/17. Commissioner Lebo motioned; Commissioner Stone seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hersh asked for election of officers. Commissioner Peterson nominated Commissioner Lebo for Chairman; motion seconded by Commissioner Barrett; carried unanimously. Commissioner Hersh nominated Commissioner Barrett for secretary; Commissioner Lebo seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Lebo seconded the motion; carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.