



EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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Mayor Joseph A. Carfora



Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 AT 7:00 PM
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE CALL

COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT: Chairman Paul Carbo (presiding), Commissioner Dianne Romans, Commissioner Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Barbara Barbuito

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Clerk Marsha Maldonado, Karen Martin, Michael Roy, Lorena Venegas

Chairman Carbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

TO THE RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAVEN
AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

This meeting is being conducted by means of electronic equipment. Any member of the public who does not have the electronic equipment necessary to attend such meeting remotely and wishes to do so, should submit a written request to the East Haven Police Department, 471 North High Street, East Haven, CT 06512 or via email to Marsha M. Maldonado mmaldonado@easthavenpolice.com with said written request to be received no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting, and the EHPD will provide the requester with a physical location and the electronic equipment necessary to attend such meeting in real time.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence – Remembrance of officers recently lost in the line of duty.
3. Roll Call - Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcements
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the Special Meeting minutes of December 20, 2021

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 20, 2021 as received; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (January 2022)

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations

8. Public Comment

Lorena Venegas (73 George Street) – Suggested a more detailed monthly Chief's Report similar to the 50-page report from the Town of Trumbull citing a lack of mental health services in our Town and asked for the Board to help her advocate for more behavioral mental health services in Town instead of outsourcing to BHcare.

Chairman Carbo noted that sufficient call type information is provided publicly via a "Police Blotter" that is published regularly to the Patch [and on our website].

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

a. Sergeant Robert Brockett (Retirement Notification), via email dated December 29, 2021 – Will address under New Business, item 12.a.

b. Christopher Griswold (714 Laurel Street), postmarked January 20, 2022; received January 24, 2022 – Expressed his personal thanks for resolving his concerns with the intersection of Laurel Street and View Terrace. He is deeply appreciative of the Committee's research and work in providing a resolution for this issue. The time and effort put forth to arrive at this was very time-consuming. He is completely satisfied and supports 100% the resolution that ultimately was approved. The Committee's attention to detail and professionalism was impressive. Thank you for all you do for the entire community.

Chairman Carbo also received a personal phone call from Mr. Griswold expressing his appreciation.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. One (1) vacancy with the request for retirement tonight; and one (1) vacancy due to an Academy Recruit resignation who decided this was not the career for him. Background investigations are in progress in anticipation of filling this recruit position.
- ii. Academy seats are secured for a tentative start date in April 2022; requests a special meeting in March for hiring once the backgrounds are completed.
- iii. Sworn Personnel: one (1) remains on long term injury with no return to full duty date at this time.

b. Overtime

- i. FY2122 lower than FY2021 at the same point in the year.

c. Awards & Commendations

- i. The Committee has submitted their recommendations to complete awards for 2021 – review in process.
- ii. An official ceremony to confer awards has been repeatedly deferred due to COVID-19; we will plan once it is safe to do so.
- iii. A formal swearing-in ceremony for new hires/promotions will also need to be planned once it is safe to do so.

d. Noteworthy News

Chief Lennon is very proud of all the personnel involved in today's serious incident which began as a domestic that turned into a barricade situation. He would like to commend everyone for deescalating and settling the incident peacefully with only minor injuries to the subject and no injuries to emergency personnel or outside parties. It is still an active investigation.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

a. Consider and act upon the disability retirement of Sergeant Robert Brockett

Commissioner DiSilvestro begrudgingly moves to accept the disability retirement of Sergeant Robert Brockett stating that it is a shame that Sergeant Brockett will no longer be a member of the East Haven Police Department as he has been a model police officer - it is sad to see him go under these circumstances; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito; Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Request a certified Sergeant list from the Civil Service Commission

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to request a certified Sergeant list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Request a certified Police Officer – Grade C Recruit list from the Civil Service Commission

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to request a certified Police Officer – Grade C Recruit list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Romans made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. All in favor. Chairman Carbo adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado
Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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