

Board of Police Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.
Police Headquarters

Present: Commission Members: Commission Chair Carlson,
Commissioner Ametrano Commissioner
Dostert, Commissioner Trotta
Excused: Commissioner Cole
Departmental Members: Chief Thomas A. Terribile, Deputy Chief
Hutchinson, Officer Kurt Fasulo
Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of the Board
Public: Buzz Gardner, Resident
Michael Cappelli, Resident
Family of Officer Kurt Fasulo
Police Union Representatives: Officer Fred Hill, Union President

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 P.M.

1. Approval of prior meeting minutes.

Approval of Police Commission meeting minutes of Wednesday, April 15, 2009 and special meeting minutes of Thursday, May 7, 2009.

*Motion: Motion made by Commissioner Trotta, seconded by Commissioner Dostert, to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, April 15, 2009 as amended, page 2, paragraph one, correction **knew** and approve the special meeting minutes of Thursday, May 7, 2009 as presented.*

Vote: All In Favor: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Dostert, Commissioner Trotta

Motion: Motion made by Commissioner Ametrano, seconded by Commissioner Dostert, to move Item 4.2.1 Swearing in of Officer Kurt Fasulo, to the next item on the Agenda.

Vote: All In Favor: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Dostert, Commissioner Trotta

*Opposed: None
Abstained: None*

4.2.1 Swearing in of Officer Kurt Fasulo

Officer Kurt Fasulo was officially sworn in by Commission Chair Carlson at 5:42 P.M. taking the Oath of Office.

2. Public Petition/Commentary.

Buzz Gardner, Resident of East River Road addressed the Board of Police Commissioners requesting the consideration of the noise ordinance and enforcement thereof. Mr. Gardner stated on warm days the noise from motorcycles becomes constant and during organized motorcycle rides the noise is “unbearable”.

Commission Chair Carlson said that this issue was up for discussion on the Agenda under Traffic and suggested the Board move to traffic and continue this discussion. It was agreed.

3. Traffic.

3.1. Motorcycle Charity Rides

Discussion about organized charity rides, motorcycle noise and enforcement of the noise ordinance and the role of the Guilford Police Department.

Chief Terribile said he was looking to the Board of Police Commissioners, traffic authority, for recommendation on motorcycle charity rides. The Chief stated the department cannot escort charity rides due to liability.

Discussion followed. Several options were discussed, such as, the refusal of motor vehicle charity rides due to safety, liability, inconvenience and noise followed by discussion that charity rides provide valued funding to charities.

Commission Chair Carlson stated there were two issues brought forth. She said these issues are the day to day traffic of motorcycles and noise and secondly motorcycle charity rides. She suggested the issues be considered apart.

Commission Chair Carlson offered that the matter be tabled for motorcycle charity rides at this time so she could contact the state police and discuss their role in the charity rides and the law. The Chair asked the Chief to contact surrounding towns regarding their procedure for charity rides.

Commissioner Dostert suggested Item 3.1.1 Teamsters Horseman Charity Ride be approved by the Board due to timeliness. Chief Terribile stated all motor vehicle operators should comply with the law and the department will continue to ticket violators.

Motion: Motion made by Commissioner Dostert, seconded by Commissioner Trotta to approve the EMS ride scheduled for June 13, 2009 and Table Items 3.1.1 Teamsters Ride and 3.1.3 St. Jude's Charity Ride until the Board attains more information regarding charity rides and the law with the understanding that the Chief's office will approve the EMS ride with including the letter of past practice.

Vote: All In Favor: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Dostert, Commissioner Trotta

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

The Board of Police Commissioners agreed to take a leadership role in helping to resolve these issues.

3.2 Sunrise Tax District-Request for installation of signs.

Commissioner Dostert spoke on behalf of traffic and a letter received to the Board of Police Commissioners from the Sunrise Tax District requesting signage. Commissioner Dostert stated the report findings of the speed truck, which had been previously setup within the neighborhood, showed vehicles were in compliance.

Commissioner Trotta asked if there were sight line issues and the Chief and Commissioner Dostert stated there were no sight line issues.

Discussion followed. It was agreed stop signs are not a speed control device.

Motion: Motion made by Commissioner Dostert, seconded by Commissioner Ametrano, to deny the request for additional signage within the Sunrise neighborhood.

Vote: All In Favor: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Dostert, Commissioner Trotta

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Chief Terrible will contact Sunrise Tax District in writing.

3.2. Whitfield South Association correspondence referencing litter.

Commissioner Dostert read from correspondence sent from the Whitfield South Association regarding litter and debris south of the tracks as well as the area of the Town Marina.

Discussion followed and it was agreed that Chief Terribile will have Lt. Hocking check into the matter to remind groups having special events pick up any litter following their event.

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Facilities/Equipment

4.1.1 Gas/Vehicle Report

Chief Terribile reported everything within the report was normal. The Chief stated the department was keeping the older vehicles on the road as long as possible due to these economic times, cutbacks in spending and the new budget.

The Chief reported that headquarters had some building maintenance system issues recently which had to be immediately addressed. Purchases orders had been put through to resolve the problems within the building.

4.2 Personnel

4.2.1 Swearing in of Officer Kurt Fasulo.

4.2.2 Sick Time Report.

The Chief reviewed the sick time report and the new format.

4.2.3 Officer Thompson-P.O.S.T. performance report.

Chief Terribile reviewed Officer Thompson's performance report received from P.O.S.T. and stated the officer is performing very well.

4.2.4 Officer Kurt Fasulo-2nd and final grade reports.

Chief Terribile reviewed Officer Fasulo's 2nd and final grade reports and commended the officer for graduating 2nd in the class.

4.2.5 P.O.S.T.-Appreciation of Officer William Maisano.

Commissioner Trotta
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

4.3 Communications

4.3.1 Correspondence from Ms. Bagmiller referencing Debra Volpe, Municipal Animal Control Officer.

Commissioner Ametrano read from correspondence received from Ms. Bagmiller thanking Ms. Volpe for a job well done at a recent animal control call at her residence.

4.3.2 Correspondence from Ms. Washenko referencing Officer Jakober.

Commissioner Ametrano read from correspondence received from Ms. Washenko commending Officer Jakober for her services. Ms. Washenko stated she is very impressed with the officer.

4.4 Budget

4.4.1 2008/2009 Budget.

Chief Terribile reviewed the 2008/2009 budget and stated per Finance Department only extremely necessary purchases were being made.

4.4.2 Budget Analysis

Chief Reviewed the budget analysis report with the Board and the department projection to give back funds to the Town at fiscal year end remains at this time.

4.4.3 2009/2010 Budget.

Chief Terribile stated the budget passed and salary concessions within the department had been made by the Union and the other groups with a savings of nearly \$110,000 for the Town.

Commission Chair Carlson took time to thank the police union on wage concessions and thanked the civilian employees within the department as well. Commission Chair Carlson said it was impressive how everyone came together during this time.

Officer Fredrick Hill, Union President addressed the Board on behalf of the union thanking the Board of Police Commissioners.

5. Monthly Reports

Chief Terribile reviewed the monthly reports. After each report was reviewed the Chief entertained questions. There were none.

Discussion regarding the transition of the DARE assignment. The Chief said Officer Maisano is looking towards future advancement within the department. Chief Terribile will handle the transition of the assignment and the announcement. Commissioner Dostert offered her assistance to the Chief and stated Officer Shove will do a great job and was a good choice to replace Officer Maisano for the DARE assignment.

6. Old Business.

None.

7. New Business.

Commission Chair Carlson read two proclamations awarded for the newly formed Guilford TRIAD. The opening ceremony for TRIAD had taken place earlier in the day at the Community Center with the Attorney General present and Deputy Chief Hutchinson said the ceremony was successful.

The Deputy Chief reported the ceremony was the start of the TRIAD program formed to provide a safer community for senior citizens through awareness and educational programming. TRIAD is the cooperation of local law enforcement, senior citizens department, local businesses and the community.

Motion: Motion made by Commissioner Ametrano, seconded by Commissioner Dostert to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 P.M. for the purposes of contract discussion excusing Chief Terribile, Deputy Chief Hutchinson and the Clerk of the Board.

Vote: All In Favor: Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Dostert, Commissioner Trotta

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

The Clerk of the Board left the room.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krauchick
Clerk of the Board

Motion Amended: *Motion made by Commissioner Ametrano, seconded by Commissioner Dostert, to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 P.M. for the purposes of contract discussion **inviting** Chief Terribile and Deputy Chief Hutchinson.*

Vote: All In Favor: *Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Dostert, Commissioner Trotta*
Opposed: *None*
Abstained: *None*

Motion: *Motion made by Commissioner Ametrano, seconded by Commission Chair Carlson, to return to Public Session at 7:35 P.M.*

Vote: All In Favor: *Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Dostert, Commissioner Trotta*
Opposed: *None*
Abstained: *None*

No action was taken, no motions were made.

Motion: *Motion made by Commissioner Ametrano, seconded by Commission Chair Carlson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.*

Vote: All In Favor: *Commission Chair Carlson, Commissioner Ametrano, Commissioner Dostert, Commissioner Trotta*
Opposed: *None*
Abstained: *None*