

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 18, 2019 6:00 p.m.
1st Floor Meeting Room, City Hall**

PRESENT:

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu
Commissioner Ghio
Commissioner Fuller
Commissioner Lewis
Commissioner Rosado
Commissioner Schwab

ABSENT:

Commissioner D'Amato

Also Present: Chief Gould
Captain Guerrera
Officer Bird, BPD Court Liaison
Union President, Officer Pelletier
Attorney Dale Clift, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Jeffrey Steeg, Corporation Counsel
Noelle Bates, Corporation Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. AWARDS

Officer Carmelo Tarascio received the Life Saving Award and Employee of the Month for June.
Officer Jeffrey Parracino received the Silver Star Award.
Officer Benjamin Draper received a Letter of Commendation.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jaime LeForge, 1 Rose Street, asked the Board if they would waive the penalties for his alarm fees.
A discussion was held.

Commissioner Schwab moved to APPROVE MR. LEFORGE TO PAY \$270 FOR ALARM FEES,
WAIVING THE LATE FEES, Second by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Ghio moved to BRING ITEM 6D THE ALARM REPORT FOR CONVERSATION TO
THE FLOOR, Second by Commissioner Fuller.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Attorney Dale Clift, Attorney Jeffrey Steeg and Noelle Bates reviewed the procedure for collecting payment for past due alarms. The original procedure was too long of a process which was not working in the best interest for the City collecting payment. Corporation Counsel has changed the process by having the Police Department issue a citation for each billable alarm on a monthly basis. If no payment has been received after 30 days, it is sent over to Corporation Counsel to handle. The Police Department has been issuing the citations since February and has seen good results from the new process.

Chief Gould expressed his interest in having Captain Spyros and Lt. Lund attend Corporation Counsel's weekly meeting on an as needed basis to discuss alarms. Corporation Counsel agreed and they are welcome to attend their meeting.

Commissioner Rosado left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Fuller moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE May 21, 2019 REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING, Second by Commissioner Schwab.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu – abstained

Commissioner Ghio - abstained

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. REPORTS OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE

Commissioner Lewis moved to APPROVE THE REPORT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE AND PLACE ON FILE, Second by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS A-M AND PLACE ON FILE, Second by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Awards Committee

Commissioner Fuller moved to ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 4, 2019 AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING AND PLACE ON FILE, Second by Commissioner Schwab.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

9. TRAFFIC REPORTS

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu received several traffic complaints and would like the Traffic Division to handle.

Mr. James Fortier, wrote a letter expressing his concern of the violation of commercial vehicles on Memorial Boulevard and he would like to see stronger enforcement.

Ms. Patricia Floyd expressed her concern about the many accidents and deaths at 570 Middle Street at Pinebrook Terrace. Also, tractor trailer trucks are utilizing Pinebrook Terrace to access the business in the white building at the end of Pinebrook Terrace and Cross Street. She would like enforcement.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu received an email about a possible sight line issue on Summer Street and Center Street. She would like the Traffic Division to clarify where the line of sight violation is and to address the issue with the homeowner.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu and Chief Gould did a sight visit with our Economic Development Director to the industrial park located at Horizon Drive. Employees from Amazon are parking their cars along Crystal Pond Place and Horizon Drive which is impacting delivery trucks and mail service to the other businesses. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu recommended that the Traffic Division conduct enforcement in the area and submit a report to the Board.

Commissioner Ghio moved to REFER TO THE TRAFFIC DIVISION THE PARKING VIOLATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH 71 HORIZON DRIVE, Second by Commissioner Fuller.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Chief Gould

Chief Gould spoke about the option of changing the Police Department's procedure for private duty jobs. Attorney Clift spoke on the legalities of a business hiring an officer for a private duty job and handed out a draft copy of an agreement for extra duty police services. The Chief and Corporation Counsel are working together to come up with a procedure that will work for everyone involved. Chief Gould will keep the Board informed

Commissioner Rosado returned to the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

10.2 Police Commissioners

No old business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Chief Gould

a. Retirement Request

Commissioner Ghio moved to PLACE ON FILE THE VESTED TERMINATION OF OFFICER GREGORY LATTANZIO, Second by Commissioner Fuller.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

b. Prisoner Transportation to GA-15 New Britain

Chief Gould and Officer Bird gave an overview of the new procedure that will go into effect in September 2019 with the Prisoner Transportation to GA-15 New Britain. This change will require a purchase of a prisoner transport vehicle and a change to staffing for safety reasons.

c. Board of Finance Request

Commissioner Fuller moved to FORWARD THE REQUEST FOR THE PRISONER TRANSPORT VEHICLE TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE, Second by Commissioner Rosado.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

11.2 Police Commissioners

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ghio moved to ADJOURN, Second by Commissioner Fuller.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 18th day of June, 2019 was HEREBY ADJOURNED AT 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST: _____