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**ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

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COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO  
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH

COMMISSIONER JOHN BARTON

COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY  
COMMISSIONER NYJAHWAHN WALKER

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
Immediately following Traffic Authority Meeting  
Monday March 14, 2022**

**Unapproved Minutes**

Commission Chairman Barton called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 4:37 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Jack Barton  
Commissioner Christopher Carveth  
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo  
Commissioner Marian Hurley  
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker

**Also Present:**

Police Chief Robert Gagne  
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia

**Minutes**

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Reports**

**Activity of the Department:** Chief Gagne discussed February statistics with the Commissioners. The Board was informed that there were 37 criminal arrests and 84 motor vehicle citations. There was 1 residential burglary and 1 commercial burglary, 3 stolen motor vehicles, and 2 recovered vehicles. In addition, there were 37 larcenies and 44 motor vehicle accidents. There were 3,825 calls for service that generated 430 written reports. Chief Gagne provided updates on the burglaries and commented that the number of motor vehicle accidents is lower than it has been in over a decade.

Chief Gagne reported that the Records Division took in report sales of \$198.00, parking tags of \$50.00 and \$320.00 in permits, for a total of \$568.00.

### **Expenditures**

Chief Gagne highlighted some expenditures from February including Stryker for AED batteries, Town of Westport for motorcycle certification for Officer Guandalini and Lexipol annual fee for online training.

### **Budget Balances**

Chief Gagne advised that all is in order, there are no concerns, but he is keeping a close watch on overtime.

### **Old Business**

Prior to moving on with the agenda Chief Gagne requested that we add a discussion regarding the new uniforms to the meeting agenda.

Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Carveth made a motion to add the Uniform discussion to the agenda. **The motion passed unanimously.**

At 4:44 p.m. Officers Kirby and Martino joined the meeting in the new uniforms and had a discussion with the Board regarding the uniforms, color, wearability and the choice of the exterior vest. Discussion ensued and the Commissioners all agreed they like the Blauer black uniform and the Bothell Carrier for the exterior vest.

Officer Kirby and Martino left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

COVID Protocols: Normal medical protocols are in place. Masks are now optional in Town buildings.

JAG Grant: Chief Gagne advised the Board that we were approved for \$25,000. Equipment has been ordered for the training room including a server, wall monitor, camera, soundbar. Docking stations for body cameras have also been ordered.

Training: Everyone is in the process of completing Fair and Impartial Policing. This training is online through Daigle Law and will put us in full compliance with the training requirements of the Police Accountability Bill.

### **New Business**

Orange 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration: Lt. Ray LaPlante is on the planning committee. He and Chief Gagne met with Pat O'Sullivan and Kevin Gilbert to assist with parade details.

### **Correspondence**

Thank you letter from Stephanie Martucci thanking Officer Taylor for her assistance on a medical call.

Thank you letter from Noreen Campbell-Parlato thanking Officer Fernandes who saw her pulled over and came to be sure she was alright.

Thank you letters from Charles Sherwood, SCCJA, to Chief John Bucherati, Seymour, Deputy Chief Christopher Massey, Guilford and Deputy Chief John DiFederico, New Cannan for their participation as panelists for the oral board examination for the Orange Police Lieutenant position.

**Personnel**

Letter of recognition from Sgt. Edwards regarding Officer Martino regarding a call he received from someone Off. Martino assisted during a motor vehicle accident.

Commissioner Cuzzocreo, seconded by Commissioner Walker made a motion to enter Executive Session at 5:11 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.** The Board invited Chief Gagne and Board Secretary Kathy Gulia into Executive Session.

Antoinette Nastri joined the meeting at 5:14 p.m. and left at the completion of her interview at 5:24 p.m.

Board Secretary, Kathy Gulia left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to bring the Board out of Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

At 6:07 p.m. Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Walker made a motion to offer the position of Recruit Police Officer to Antoinette Nastri, pending the completion of the background investigation. **The motion passed unanimously.**

At 6:08 p.m. Commissioner Cuzzocreo, seconded by Commissioner Walker made a motion to promote Sgt. Jonathan DeRubeis to the rank of Lieutenant. **The motion passed 4-0 with, Commissioner Carveth abstaining with no objection.**

Commissioner Cuzzocreo, seconded by Commissioner Walker, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary