

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE AND
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JULY 28, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Faye Bowman, Chair; Richard Bonenfant; Michael DePalma;
Nicholas Sacchinelli; Steven Serasis; Michelle Maggio
(7:35 p.m.)

STAFF: Timothy Callahan, Director, Health Department

OTHERS: Thomas Kulhawik, Norwalk Police Chief; Ashley Gonzalez,
Norwalk Police Deputy Chief

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and called the Roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 23, 2016

- ** MR. SERASIS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. DEPALMA)**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present this evening.

Ms. Maggio joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

BUSINESS HEALTH DEPARTMENT: ACTION ITEM:

**** MR. SERASIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE AS SET BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AT THEIR JUNE 28,2016 MEETING.**

Mr. Callahan reviewed the fee schedule.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Lead Poison Prevention Program

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT A LEAD POISON PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,406**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT A LEAD POISON PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Mr. Callahan explained that the funds are used for education and to screen children for lead poisoning and to determine the source of lead in children with elevated blood lead levels. He noted that Norwalk has low numbers of lead poisoning in children.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT: ACTION ITEMS:

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

Deputy Chief Gonzalez explained that the Police Department is acquiring eight Police interceptor SUVs and two BMW motorcycles. He said that they have a credit so that the cost for the up-fit (emergency lighting/prisoner cage/graphics) for 8- 2017 police utility interceptors will go from \$107,000 to \$99,000.

**** MR. SERASIS MOVED TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

2B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE UP-FIT (EMERGENCY LIGHTING/PRISONER CAGE/GRAPHICS) FOR 8- 2017 POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTORS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$107,000

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

2B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE UP-FIT (EMERGENCY LIGHTING/PRISONER CAGE/GRAPHICS) FOR 8- 2017 POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTORS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,000.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Bonenfant asked how long the vehicles will last. Deputy Chief Gonzalez explained that they like to get as much as three years on a front line car, but noted that most of the cars are driven 23/7. Chief Kulhawik said that they are trying to get it down to a six year cycle. He said that this was planned out three years ago with Mr. Barron. Mr. Serasis asked about the average mileage per year for a front line car. Deputy Chief Gonzalez estimated between 25 – 30,000 miles.

1A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO CROWLEY FORD, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2-2017 FORD FUSIONS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,000. ACCOUNT # 01353-5731.

1B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO FLEET AUTO SALES FOR THE UPFIT OF 2-2017 FORD FUSIONS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7000. ACCOUNT # 01353- 5731.

2A. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE

DEPARTMENT, TO MHQ, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT 2017 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTORS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$228,000. ACCOUNT #013053-5731

2B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE UP-FIT (EMERGENCY LIGHTING/PRISONER CAGE/GRAPHICS) FOR 8- 2017 POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTORS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,000.

2C. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO MOTOROLA, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE MOBILE RADIOS FOR EIGHT 2017 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTORS, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,000. ACCOUNT #013053-5731

3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO MAX BMW MOTORCYCLES, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2-2016 BMW MOTORCYCLES, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000. ACCOUNT # 01353-5731.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED**

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. Update on implementation of body cameras.

Chief Kulhawik explained that the body cameras for the Police Department have been in use since last fall. The body cameras are issued to a post, and not to a specific officer. He said that there were technical issues with the body cameras, but they worked with the company who agreed to provide them with the newer version of the camera along with a few extras for back up.

Chief Kulhawik said that the officers want to use the body cameras and he hopes to find a way to outfit ever patrol officer. He said, however, that the problem is storage for the body cameras. Mr. Serasis said that it is a good goal to outfit each officer.

Mr. Bonenfant said that two people each donated \$25,000 for the body cameras.

Ms. Bowman asked about foot patrol officers. Chief Kulhawik said that he asked the officers, to get out and walk when they can. Mr. Serasis said that he likes the public relations with the Coffee with a Cop. He said that this year he has seen an increased presence of Police officers at his events, in a very community friendly way. He said that the Police officers mix very well with the crowd.

Chief Kulhawik said that he gives credit to Ltn. Blake. He said that Ltn Blake and Sgt. Galino come to him with new ideas.

Chief Kulhawik said that when they interview new Police officers, they look for officers who will fit in and not hire enforcers. He said that the new Police officers are assigned to Community Policing.

Chief Kulhawik said that the Citizen's Police Academy will start in September.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services