



# SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 6:30 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Members present:** Robert Koskelowski, William Paecht, David Bitso, Lucy McConologue and Frank Conroy. Also in attendance: Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Prajer, Deputy Chief Rinaldi, Officer Scheithe, Officer Duda, Officer J. Martin Officer Santanelli, Det. Scharf, Sgt. Parratt, Officer Miceli, Union President Officer Oczkowski, Officer Tomasella, Sgt. Fappiano, Det. Matusovich, Officer Jasmin, Officer Barrett and the public.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Koskelowski
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Commissioner Conroy
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Executive Session:** William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to go into executive session at 6:32 p.m. to interview potential candidates for the Sergeants positions. In attendance: The Board only. **Motion: 5:0**

Candidate one goes into executive session at 6:33 p.m. and comes out at 6:41 p.m.  
Candidate two goes into executive session at 6:44 p.m. and comes out at 6:56 p.m.  
Candidate three goes into executive session at 7:03 p.m. and comes out at 7:13 p.m.  
Candidate four goes into executive session at 7:15 p.m. and comes out at 7:26 p.m.

Chief Satkowski, Deputy Chief Prajer and Deputy Chief Rinaldi go into executive session at 7:27 p.m.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to come out of executive session at 7:40 p.m. and move executive session to item 15 on the agenda No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 5:0**

5. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on October 17, 2018:**  
William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 5:0**  
**Approval of minutes of special meeting on October 24, 2018:**  
William Paecht/David Bitso motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 4:1** (Frank Conroy abstain)

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**6. Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner McConologue** would like the schools to notify the police department if they are having big events where parking will be an issue. Chief Satkowski will send a letter to the superintendent.

**Chairman Koskelowski** would like to thank the department for “TIP A COP” that helped raise money for Special Olympics.

**7. Old Business:**

**Pearl Street update:**

**Deputy Chief Prajer** states that data combined over a ten year period for Pearl and Grand streets shows no accidents at the intersection. Time mark shows an average volume of 2,500 vehicles per day with an approximate speed of 32.2 mph.

**Chairman Koskelowski** states that a study done in 2015 shows the average volume of vehicles was 3,300 per day would like to know where the other 800 cars went to.

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion that more 25 mph speed limit signs be posted on Pearl Street, cut vegetation to increase the line of sight, stop bars and paint “Stop Ahead” on the road. **Motion: 4:1** (Robert Koskelowski abstain)

**Fire Marshall parking tickets:**

Deputy Chief Prajer reports that in 2016 the Fire Marshall was given forty parking tickets of which three were issued, two paid and one outstanding.

**Commander Start Dates:**

David Bitso/Lucy McConologue motion that the new Commanders will start their appointments on December 14, 2018. **Motion: 5:0**

**7a) Patrol reports:** Board accepts the reports. Deputy Chief Prajer reports that the department assisted the Shelton Police Dept. with a warrant, high school has seen increased activity and the town is still having an issue with overdoes, stolen motor vehicles and theft from motor vehicles.

**7b) Detective report:** Deputy Chief Rinaldi reports Inspector DeNigris is out on short term medical leave and is expected back December 1, 2018, Trunk or Treat was a success with over one hundred cars, Trick or Treat downtown was a success, Food Drive went well, Christmas parade on Sunday, November 25, 2018, Santa coming downtown on Saturday, December 1, 2018 and upcoming firearms training.

7c) **K-9 reports:** Board accepts the reports.

7d) **SRO reports:** Board accepts the reports

7e) **Car Report:** Board accepts the report. One car needs a water pump.

**8. New Business:**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to accept the 2019 meeting dates, however, the time for the meetings to start will now be 6:30 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

9. **Management Report:** Chief Satkowski reports overtime will be in the red, income is doing well, twenty-seven officers are participating in the No Shave November, CPCA meeting upcoming, use of force seminar end of November, JAG grant for \$ 10,000-looking to buy equipment, Statewide Narcotic Task Force along with Det. Scharf and other federal agencies hit a house in Seymour-seized large sum of cash, narcotics and weapons and would like to transfer \$ 98,000 from line item 110 to 102.

David Bitso/William Paecht motion to transfer \$ 98,000 from line item 110 to 102.  
**Motion: 5:0**

10. **Correspondence:** Letter from parking attendant resigning. William Paecht/David Bitso motion to accept the letter. **Motion: 5:0**

11. **Other Business:** None.

12. **Commissioners Comments:** None.

**13. Union Business:**

**Chairman Koskelowski** states that because there have been a lot of promotions lately, there is nothing in the union contract about putting people on probation. Is there any problem with putting people on probation? Will the Union put that in writing if there are no objections? Would the Union grieve it? Feels that promotions going forward should have a six month probation period to give the officer an opportunity to revert back to the status before the promotion should the officer not like the new position or should there be any issues.

**Union President Officer Oczkowski**, can have an EBOARD meeting and talk about it but states there is nothing in the union contract that would prohibit anyone being on probation after a promotion and there would be nothing to grieve.

**Chief Satkowski** states there is nothing in the contract and there is no past practice.

**14. Public Comment:** None.

**15.** William Paecht/David Bitso motion to go back into executive session at 8:40 p.m to possibly appoint Seargent positions and starting dates. In attendance: The Board only.  
**Motion: 5:0**

David Bitso/William Paecht motion to come out of executive session at 8:55 p.m. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 5:0**

**Sergeants Positions:**

Chairman Koskelowski states that all four candidates are excellent candidates. Tonight we are only promoting one candidate and then a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 to bring back the other three candidates to re-interview as not all board members had a chance to go over personnel files.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to promote Officer James Duda to the position of Seargent effect December 14, 2018 with a probation period of six months. **Motion: 5:0**  
Officer Duda accepts.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** William Paecht/David Bitso motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding  
Recording Secretary