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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Department
January 21, 2021

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order via virtual at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., Chairman
Angelo Magliocco, Vice Chairman
Chris Trefz
Johan Vazzano

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto
Attorney Floyd Dugas
Thomas McCarthy, Director of Human Resources
John Miller,
Detective Sergeant Robert Coppola, Union President
Sergeant Matthew Perkowski

Absent: Albert Zamary

Step II – Union Grievance 20-05 – Deliberation – Private Session

Chairman Baldwin indicated Item Number 1 Step II – Union Grievance 20-05 is regarding the suspension of Sgt. Matthew Perkowski per Chief Michael Lombardo. A hearing was done January 12th and a testimony was given by both sides. Chairman Baldwin asked that the Police Commission Board enter into Private Session to deliberate matter and then will provide a vote on the Grievance.

Motion made at 5:02 p.m. by Chairman Baldwin to enter into Private Session for Step II – Union Grievance 20-05 – Deliberation, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Present in Private Session, Chairman Baldwin, Vice Chairman Magliocco, Commissioners Trefz and Vazzano and Thomas McCarthy.

Motion made at 5:17 p.m. by Vice Chairman Magliocco to exit Private Session regarding Step II – Union Grievance 20-05 – Deliberation, seconded by Vazzano. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Magliocco to sustain the discipline set forth by Chief Lombardo regarding Sgt. Matthew Perkowski, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Baldwin indicated at the request of the Police Commission Board he would be reading a statement.

The Citizens of the town of Trumbull and the members of the Trumbull Police Commission rightfully expect that the officers who represent our department and protect our community act in a dignified and professional manner whether on duty or off.

The standards we set are high but not unreasonable, they are demanding but not oppressive and they are intended to instill confidence and respect in our profession.

Supervisors, in particular, bear an even greater responsibility than the officers they command because they've sought, and been chosen, to lead and set an example for those in their charge.

The events of September 6, 2020 and your actions Sgt. Perkowski in particular that evening, are, at the very least disturbing, and, at worse, abusive and reprehensible. In our judgment you have clearly violated the Trumbull Police Department's code of conduct and demonstrated a callous disregard for the health and well being of another person. Had this case come before us without a prior discipline by Chief Lombardo for a 15 day suspension, this Commission, in all likelihood, would have imposed a much more substantial punishment.

After a careful and thorough review of the statements given by the female victim, the investigative reports of the Shelton Police Department & their witnesses, and based upon the findings of the Trumbull Police Department Internal Affairs report, we hereby deny Sgt. Perkowski grievance and confirm Chief Lombardo's suspension.

Chairman Baldwin indicated they would move on to Item Number 4 Step II – Union Grievance 20-03.

Motion made at 5:19 p.m. by Vice Chairman Magliocco to enter into Private Session for Step II – Union Grievance 20-03, Deliberation, seconded by Commissioner Vazzano. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Present in Private Session, Chairman Baldwin, Vice Chairman Magliocco, Commissioners Trefz and Vazzano and Thomas McCarthy.

Motion made at 5:29 p.m. by Vice Chairman Magliocco to exit Private Session regarding Step II – Union Grievance 20-03, seconded by Commissioner Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Magliocco to deny Step II Union Grievance 20-03, seconded by Commissioner Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Baldwin indicated at the request of the Police Commission Board he would be reading a statement.

This grievance stems from a Trumbull Police Department Internal Affairs Investigation, 20-03.

On January 12, 2021, the Step II of the grievance procedure was held before the Trumbull Police Commission. The Trumbull Police Union, Local 1745, argued that an investigative report, which exists from another agency constitutes a complaint form and should been given to the officer.

Chief Lombardo argued that the Internal Affairs Investigation was the result of an internal complaint to the Professional Standards Division, which he initiated.

The Trumbull Police Commission has heard each side of this grievance and after deliberation does not find that Chief Lombardo violated Article 17 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Therefore, this grievance is denied.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Magliocco and seconded by Commissioner Trefz to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission