

**MINUTES- SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008 7:00 P.M.
SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Members present: Ed Wasikowski, Steve Chucta, Marco Gianotti, Howard Simpson and Lucy McConologue. Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, LT. Satkowski, Atty. Hodgson, Atty. Bruchal, Atty. Cerritelli, Atty. Gudis, Clifford Edwards (stenographer), members of the department and the press.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Wasikowski
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Howard Simpson
3. **Executive Session:** Howard Simpson/Steve Chucta to go into executive session at 7:21 p.m. to hear testimony regarding Sergeant Gittings. In attendance: The Board, Chief Metzler, Atty. Hodgson, Atty. Cerritelli, Atty. Gudis, Sergeant Gittings and Atty. Bruchal **Motion: 5:0**
 - Atty. Gudis, Atty. Cerritelli, and Sergeant Gittings came out of executive session at 7:25 p.m.
 - Atty. Gudis, Atty. Cerritelli, and Sergeant Gittings go into executive session at 7:43 p.m.
 - Clifford Edwards goes into executive session at 7:47 p.m.
 - Laurie Gittings went into executive session at 7:58 p.m.
 - Laurie Gittings came out of executive session and Officer Scharf went into executive session at 8:13 p.m.
 - Officer Scharf came out of executive session and Officer Rinaldi went into executive session at 8:25 p.m.
 - Officer Rinaldi came out of executive session and Sergeant D'Antona went into executive session at 8:47 p.m.
 - Sergeant D'Antona came out of executive session and LT. Satkowski went into executive session at 9:11 p.m.
 - Board calls a ten-minute recess at 9:30 p.m.
 - Board and Atty. Bruchal go back into executive session at 9:40 p.m.

Steve Chucta/Howard Simpson to come out of executive session at 10:55 p.m.
Motion: 5:0

Atty. Bruchal reads into record a draft of the charges against Sergeant Gittings. The charges are:

- Section 4.4.3.F.18- Conduct Unbecoming an Officer (Section 2.3.2)
- Section 4.4.3.F.14- Conduct Unbecoming on Officer (Repeated offenses)
- Section 2.1.13- Oath of Office, Code of Ethics (Required Conduct)

These charges resulted in Sergeant Gittings being suspended from duty with out pay for three months, upon return from suspension he shall incur the lose of sergeant stripes for six months with a written evaluation to take place after said period. This authority will issue a letter to Sergeant Gittings indicating that any further violation of the duty manual or by laws will be viewed as a serious matter and a cause for termination.

Lucy McConologue/Steve Chucta motion to adopt the decision as read by our counsel.

Motion: 3:2 (Howard Simpson and Marco Gianotti oppose)

5. Adjournment: Steve Chucta/Howard Simpson to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary