

Seymour Police Department
Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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DATE: 7/10/26
TIME: 11:15am
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: David Bitso, Tom LaPaglia, John Duke and Robert J. Koskelowski

Members Absent: Kyle Kelley

Also Present: Chief John Bucherati, Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano, Inspector Joseph Matusovich, Officer David Gallo, Officer David Parratt and members of the public.

1) Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Public Comment: no comments

4) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 10, 2026

Motion to accept regular minutes from June 10, 2026 by Duke/Koskelowski

Motion Passed 4-0

5) Management Report

Chief Bucherati stated that the budget ended for the fiscal year looking good except for overtime. The year began with several vacancies and ended costing a little over \$500,000 in overtime and it was budgeted for \$120,000. The Seymour Police Department has two vacancies and there are two conditional offers and then we will be fully staffed. There are three officers out on short-term disability, one officer is on workman's comp and three officers are on FTO. Officer Cory Tomasella will not return to the Middle School as an SRO in the next school year and the position has been posted. Chief Bucherati would like to acknowledge and commend Officer C. Tomasella for his work at the school who has truly made a difference with the youth in our Town and he will be missed. Chief Bucherati met with vendors regarding the Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras and developed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to seek vendors for the project and it will go out in July. The body worn camera policy was updated to reflect changes that were implemented by the POST council. Officers participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run and Chief Bucherati commended a great job to all. Chief Bucherati attended a Senior Staff Meeting at Town Hall and worked on the SRO MOU with the Union to make the position more equitable for overtime. Deputy Chief Fappiano requested a grant and received \$5,000 to purchase bike safety equipment to give to children from NVCOG. Chief Bucherati met with school officials regarding security for the Secretary of Education, Linda McMahon who visited SHS and SMS on June 12th. The SMS and SHS graduations took place on June 16th. On June 17th, Chief Bucherati, Deputy Chief Fappiano and Inspector Matusovich attended Officer John Chacho's graduation ceremony at the POST Academy.

6) Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Duke commended Officer C. Tomasella who made a big impact on the children and he will be missed and asked if the State can take a look at Broad Street to make a left turn onto Derby Avenue. Chief Bucherati stated he will put a request in. Commissioner Bitso commended Officer C. Tomasella and stated he saw many children embrace him at the fireworks. Commissioner Bitso also asked about the status of the Statewide DEA Officer and when the three-year term will end. Chief Bucherati stated that he will check into it. Commissioner Bitso asked if any money came from that and Chief Bucherati stated yes and they were able to purchase all of the rifles from it which was \$31,000 from the Seizure Account and there are court proceedings pending with additional money. Commissioner Koskelowski asked if the funds can be used for overtime and Chief Bucherati stated he will check into it and also asked about the SRO positions. Chief Bucherati stated that both SRO positions have been posted and they will be interviewing for them. Commissioner Koskelowski requested retired Officer Brian Barrett to come to the next BOPC meeting to be recognized for his years of service. Commissioners discussed officers on shifts, overtime hours, recruits and FTO's. The main reason for the increase in overtime from July 2025 to June 2026 was due to several retirements at the end of June 2025 and new officers were hired. Chief Bucherati and Commissioner Koskelowski will ask the Board of Education to pay 50% for an SRO. Commissioner Bitso asked about managing officers' time off at the end of the fiscal year. Chief Bucherati stated that April, May and June are their busiest months for time off and per the contract they must grant certain days and cannot deny them unless there is an emergency. Commissioner Koskelowski asked if they can hire another parking attendant because there is no parking on Bank Street. Chief Bucherati stated that they are looking into some ideas. The biggest concern is the construction at the train station and parking issues. Chief Bucherati stated they should wait until after the train station project is done and patrol can do it temporarily.

7) Old Business:

- a. Patrol Reports – no comments
- b. Detective Reports – no comments
- c. K-9 Reports – no comments
- d. SRO Reports – no comments
- e. Car Reports – Received a new Ford Explorer.

8) New Business:

Motion to add budget transfers to agenda by Duke/Koskelowski

Motion Passed 4-0

Chief Bucherati spoke about the budget with a list of items showing a surplus on the left and the deficits on the right and discussed where funds should be transferred to cover the deficits.

Motion to approve the transfer by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 4-0

9) Correspondence: No Comments

10) Other Business: No Comments

11)Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Koskelowski asked if there will be any new hires or interviews coming up and Chief Bucherati stated there are no new positions to fill at this time. Commissioner LaPaglia stated that he read about speed cameras and the funds that have been collected and asked if the funds can be used for the overtime budget and Chief Bucherati stated it can only be used for road safety projects. Commissioner Bitso asked if patrol can pay more attention to the accessible parking spaces and make sure people have an Accessibility Parking Permit, especially at Stop & Shop and Sikorsky Credit Union and would also like patrol to pay attention to the 2-hour parking downtown.

12)Union Business: Officer Parratt discussed that the Union came up with a few different ideas on different subjects. The first is the SRO position, the potential OFC Program moving forward and promotional exams. The request is to change the scores for each exam but keep an overall combined score of 70% for the written and oral exams. Officer Parrott stated the Union suggested to eliminate the evaluation score and keep the written and oral exam scores. Chief Bucherati stated that he can write an MOU. The BOPC will make the final decision because it's a contractual change. Commissioner Koskelowski stated that you cannot change a contract in the middle for just one item. Once the contract is open, you must open it up for all issues and is concerned about lowering their standards. Chief Bucherati would like to keep the overall score at 70% and will check into it and stated that the Sergeant's exam will be October 7, 2026.

Motion to table the discussion on promotional exams to next month by
Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 4-0

13)Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Koskelowski/Duke

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Motion Passed 4-0