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Seymour Police Department

Board of Police Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2026

Members Present: John Duke, Tom LaPaglia, Robert J. Koskelowski and Kyle Kelley

Members Absent: David Bitso

Also Present: Chief John Bucherati, Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano, Inspector Joseph Matusovich, Sergeant Kevin Saksa, Officer David Gallo, Officer David Parratt, Officer Dedrick Wilcox, Officer Samuel Noss and Officer Joseph Civitella.

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 October 14, 2026**

Motion to accept regular minutes from October 14, 2026 by Koskelowski/LaPaglia
Motion Passed 4-0

5) **Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting on October 22, 2026**

Motion to accept special minutes from October 22, 2026 by LaPaglia/Kelley
Motion Passed 4-0

6) **Management Report**

Chief Bucherati reported that the budget is in good standing, with the exception of overtime, which is currently $92,000 over budget. Regarding staffing, the department remains down two officers following the return of Officers Marino and Wilcox, while Recruits Levey and Herrera continue to perform well at the Milford Police Academy. The department updated its ALPR and Family Violence policies to conform with recent law changes and POST model policies. During Seymour Pink's annual road race, parking issues occurred on private lots, which will be addressed prior to next year's event. Charlie Sherwood from South Central administered the Sergeant Exam at Police Headquarters; three officers passed both the written and oral boards and will be interviewed during this meeting. The Town and the Union held their first contract negotiation session and the department successfully completed its annual firearms training. Regarding former Officer Justin Quilty, the court granted him accelerated rehabilitation, with full restitution to the Union required as a condition. Finally, Chief Bucherati attended several meetings throughout October and the downtown trick-or-treat event ran smoothly with no issues reported.

7) **Commissioner Comments:** No Comments
8) **Old Business:**
    a. Patrol Reports – no comments
    b. Detective Reports – no comments

c. K-9 Reports – no comments
d. SRO Reports – Commissioner Koskelowski asked why the middle school SRO did not submit a report for October and whether the officer is aware of the requirement. Chief Bucherati confirmed that the SRO is aware.
e. Car Reports – Commissioner Koskelowski asked how many patrol cars the department currently has, noting that he counted 19 on the list. Chief Bucherati confirmed that the list is accurate, adding that a new pickup truck is arriving soon and that some vehicles are reserved strictly for road jobs. Commissioner Koskelowski then asked about the vehicle with a check engine light that took two weeks to service. Deputy Chief Fappiano explained that mechanics were unable to pull the error code initially, which caused the delay.

Motion to accept the reports by Kelley/LaPaglia

Motion Passed 4-0

9) New Business:

a. Executive Session for Sgt. Candidate Interviews

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. for Sergeant Candidate interviews with the Board, Chief Bucherati, Deputy Chief Fappiano, Inspector Matusovich and each candidate individually by Kelley/LaPaglia

Motion Passed 4-0

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. with no actions or votes taken by Koskelowski/LaPaglia

Motion Passed 4-0

b. Possible Action on Executive Session for Sgt. Candidate Interviews

Commissioner Koskelowski wanted to let everyone know that he appreciates all of the officers. He wished there were three openings, as there is only one position available. He noted that deciding who to choose is the hardest part of the job because all three candidates are equally qualified and have a great future in the department.

Motion to promote Officer Dedrick Wilcox to Sergeant and to keep the list for one year with Officer Noss and Officer Civitella by Kelley/Koskelowski.

Commissioner Kelley stated that he echoes what Koskelowski stated and Commissioner LaPaglia and Commissioner Duke also agreed with the commissioners and stated it wasn't an easy decision.

Motion Passed 4-0

c. Set BOPC Meeting Schedule for 2027

i. Wednesday January 13th
ii. Wednesday February 10th
iii. Wednesday March 10th
iv. Wednesday April 14th
v. Wednesday May 12th
vi. Wednesday June 9th
vii. Wednesday July 14th
viii. Wednesday August 11th
ix. Wednesday September 18th

x. Wednesday October 13th
xi. Wednesday November 10th
xii. Wednesday December 15th

Motion to accept the BOPC meeting schedule for 2027 by Koskelowski/LaPaglia
Motion Passed 4-0

10) **Correspondence:** Chief Bucherati stated he received a thank you letter from Ruthann Haluschak for the Honor Guard for Paul Haluschak.

11) **Other Business:** No Comments

a. **Executive Session for Union Contract Negotiation Update**

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. for Union Contract negotiation update with the Board, Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano by Koskelowski/LaPaglia
Motion Passed 4-0

Motion to return from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. with no actions or votes taken by Koskelowski/LaPalia
Motion Passed 4-0

12) **Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Koskelowski congratulated all three officers, noting that it was a difficult decision and praising them for passing the test, which he called the hardest part. Commissioner Kelley also congratulated Officer Wilcox and noted that the department has been busy, encouraged everyone to keep up the good work, and commended the SROs for doing a great job at the schools. Commissioner Duke likewise congratulated Officer Wilcox, stating that everyone did a great job and agreeing that it was a difficult decision. He added that everyone did well with the food drive, reminded them that the toy drive is coming up next and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

13) **Union Business:** No Comments

14) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Koskelowski/Duke
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.
Motion Passed 4-0