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A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey was held on July 26, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Cohen, Commissioner Ades & Commissioner Simhon
Also Present: Martin Barger, Borough Attorney, Mayor Paul Fernicola, Loch Arbour, Mayor Michael Nohilly, Interlaken, Councilman Merv Franks, Interlaken.

It was stated that in conjunction with the "Open Public Meeting Law", p.l. 1975 ch. 231, a notice required by this statute has been satisfied as per a resolution passed on December 9, 1997 at 5:05 P.M. at Borough Hall at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Borough of Deal, and Monmouth County, New Jersey.

It was moved by Commissioner Ades, seconded by Commissioner Simhon and carried that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting held on July 14, 2017 be dispensed with and the same be approved as recorded.

There were no Ordinances or Resolutions introduced at this meeting.

A letter was received from FEMA discussing our flood risk and some important changes and options for our flood insurance policy.

A letter was received from the Township of Ocean advising of their Board of Adjustments meetings from July 2017 through June 2018.

A letter was received from CBRE advising of the Section 106 Public Outreach for three Verizon Small Cell Nodes on Ocean Avenue.

A letter was received from the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders advising of a Public Hearing for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program on July 25, 2017.

A letter was received from the Center in Asbury Park advising of a one day fundraising bike ride on September 23, 2017. The Board of Commissioners approved the race.

A letter was received from Rosario Contracting Corp requesting permission to demolish the single family residence at 13 Lady Bess Drive. The Board of Commissioners approved the demolition.

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey that the following bills reported by the finance committee be ordered paid and vouchers drawn for same as listed on page 17-07 of the Warrant Register in the amount of \$2,107,800.69.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Mayor Cohen opened the floor for the awards presentations to the Deal Police Department and Deal First Aid.

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The Deal First Aid Squad made the following presentations.

Outstanding Service Award to honor **Steven Haim** for his extraordinary commitment, dedication and professional service to the Borough of Deal. Steven has always gone above and beyond to selflessly serve the squad and the greater community. We thank him for his enduring devotion and service.

The Deal First Aid Squad honored **Morris Rahmey** in grateful appreciation for his years of dedication and continued devotion to the organization and to the Borough of Deal. We thank him for his countless years of service and support.

The Deal First Aid Squad honored **William "Billy" Cittadino** in grateful appreciation for his 39 years of dedication, service and continued devotion to our Squad, the Deal Fire Department and the Borough of Deal. Billy has been "The Voice" of our squad and an active responder for 39 years. We thank him for his enduring support and wish him the best of luck on his retirement.

Mayor Cohen and Chief Neuman made the following award presentations:

Top Performance Awards:

(These are awarded to officers who led the department during 2016 in arrests, summons and DWI arrests)

Harry Franco Traffic Summons Award: Patrolman Nick Dowling 434 Summons

Criminal Apprehension Award: Patrolman Chris Mirrione 82 Arrests

Top DWI Award: Patrolman Brad Kerney 12 DWI Arrests

Arrest Award: *(Awarded to Officers who have made over 25 arrests during 2016)*

Patrolman Christopher Mirrione	82 Arrests*
Patrolman Brad Kerney	58 Arrests
Patrolman Nicholas Dowling	42 Arrests
Patrolman David Talty	32 Arrests

Traffic Summons Award: *(Awarded to Officers who have issued over 300 summonses during 2016)*

Officer Dale Wong	682 Summons
Patrolman Nick Dowling	434 Summons*
Lt. William Hulse	417 Summons
Patrolman Miguel Medina	333 Summons

DWI Award: *(Awarded to Officers who have made 10 or more DWI arrests during 2016)*

Patrolman Brad Kerney 12 Arrests*

Community Service Award: *(The award will be given to the officer who gives off-duty time to civic organizations or volunteer work without compensation for the betterment of this community or their own.)*

- 1. Sergeant Brian Egan, Patrolman Nick Vaccaro, Patrolman Brad Kerney and Patrolman Dan Lokerson**

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Sergeant Brian Egan, Patrolman Nick Vaccaro, Patrolman Brad Kerney and Patrolman Dan Lokerson are recognized for their work during the 2016 holiday season. These officers helped organize a fundraising effort for local animal shelters in honor of Ptl Jeff Henry. This department was able to raise a significant amount of money and several truckloads of essential supplies for local animal shelters.

2. Patrolman Brad Kerney and Patrolman Dan Lokerson

Ptl Brad Kerney and Ptl Dan Lokerson are recognized for their work during the 2016 holiday season. These officers helped organize a fundraising effort for the department that was able to provide holiday presents to a few less fortunate families in our communities. This award is presented to them for their dedication, determination and service to the families in our communities.

3. Sergeant Nick Vaccaro, Patrolman Nick Dowling, Patrolman Chris Mirrione

Sergeant Nick Vaccaro, Patrolman Nick Dowling and Patrolman Christopher Mirrione are recognized for their participation in the rude awakening drunk driving educational program. Sgt Vaccaro assisted Ocean Township Police with this program that teaches students the dangers of drunk driving and allows for several practical exercises and demonstrations.

Pistol Expert Award: *(Awarded to officers who achieve a perfect score on both day and night hand gun qualifications for four consecutive handgun qualifications.)*

Patrolman Christopher Mirrione

Years of Service Award: *(Awarded to officers who complete years of service in 5 year increments.)*

Lt. William Hulse 20 Years

Educational Achievement Award: *(Awarded to officers who obtained a degree from an accredited college or university)*

Lt. Matthew Sharin - Masters Degree

Perfect Attendance Award: *(Awarded to officers who did not use any sick time during 2016)*

**Lieutenant William Hulse
Sergeant James Ammaturo
Sergeant Brian Egan
Sergeant Nick Vaccaro
Patrolman Dan Lokerson
Patrolman Chris Mirrione**

Advanced Certification Award: *(The officer has completed advanced training that required a significant personal commitment and which shows a high degree of dedication to personal and professional development.)*

1. Patrolman Brad Kerney

Ptl Brad Kerney became certified as a Drug Recognition Expert. Ptl Kerney is trained to use an evaluation process that allows officers to determine whether a suspect is under the influence of drugs, and

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determine the category of drug that is causing impairment. This certification also allows officers to rule in or out many medical conditions, such as illness or injury, which may be contributing to the subject's impairment.

2. Patrolman Miguel Medina

Ptl Miguel Medina became a NJ State certified firearms instructor. This enables Ptl Medina to qualify police officers with their duty weapons.

Unit Citation Award: *(When 2 or more members perform an act or acts that demonstrate a high degree of teamwork and professionalism and results in an exemplary outcome, each member will receive a unit citation medal.)*

1. Patrolman Jon Losquadro, Patrolman Brad Kerney, Patrolman Nick Dowling

On December 24, 2016 at approximately 4:30am the Deal Police Department received a report of a possible structure fire in the area of Norwood and Woodford Road. Ptl Nick Dowling was dispatched and upon arrival confirmed a working structure fire at the above location. Ptl Dowling was able to assist several good samaritans in evacuating the homeowner. Ptl Losquadro and Ptl Kerney who had arrived to assist then conducted an interior search of the residence to ensure everyone had safely evacuated.

The Deal Fire Department arrived on scene shortly after and with the assistance of the officers involved began fire suppression operations on the fully involved attached garage. At this point the fire was beginning to spread to the main residence. The Deal Fire Department, along with mutual aid from Long Branch, Asbury Park, Oakhurst, Allenhurst, Tinton Falls and Neptune Fire Departments were able to extinguish the fire without incident. The Deal and Elberon First Aid Squads also responded to the scene to assist.

The quick actions by Patrolmen Losquadro, Kerney and Dowling, along with all fire and ems personnel that responded, prevented this situation from escalating. Great job by everyone involved.

2. Sergeant Matthew Sharin, Patrolman Brad Kerney, and Patrolman Christopher Mirrione

On September 10, 2016 at approximately 2:40am, Ptl Christopher Mirrione was on routine patrol in the Borough of Deal. Ptl Mirrione attempted to make a motor vehicle stop in the area of Brighton and Norwood Ave when both occupants of the grey BMW stopped the car and immediately fled on foot. Ptl Mirrione, Sgt Sharin and Ptl Kerney were able to quickly apprehend the accused following a brief foot pursuit. The accused were located in the rear of a residence on Brighton Ave hiding in a brook. The vehicle they were operating has been seized by this agency pending further investigation.

Natko Petrisic was charged with obstruction, trespassing and resisting arrest. He was committed to Monmouth County Jail after being unable to post \$7,500 bail. Jason Dijols was charged with driving while intoxicated, careless driving, reckless driving, disregard of a stop sign, failure to signal, speeding, obstruction, trespassing and resisting arrest. He was also committed to Monmouth County Jail after being unable to post \$7,500.00 bail.

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3. Patrolman Brad Kerney, Patrolman Christopher Mirrione, Patrolman Dave Talty

On November 4th, 2016 at approximately 10:31pm this agency was contacted by the Asbury Park Police Department advising of a possible home burglary that just occurred in Deal. APPD was advised by a taxi driver that Timothy Foot and Kenneth Burke requested he drive them to a location on Norwood Ave in Deal. The accused then exited the taxi and requested the driver wait at that location. They then returned with a television and a quantity of liquor bottles.

The taxi then drove the accused to an apartment in Asbury Park and failed to pay for the fare. The taxi driver then contacted police to report the accused not paying their fare and the suspicious activity that occurred in Deal. Deal officers responded to the area of Poplar and Norwood and located a home that had just been burglarized.

During the follow up investigation the accused were subsequently charged with burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, criminal trespass and theft. The accused were committed to Monmouth County Correctional Institution default \$20,000.00 bail each, pending a court date. All stolen items were returned to the homeowner.

4. Sergeant Matthew Sharin, Sergeant Brian Egan, Patrolman Nick Vaccaro, Patrolman Brad Kerney, Patrolman Dan Lokerson, K9 Atok, Patrolman Chris Mirrione and Patrolman Jeff Kless

On December 21, 2016 at approximately 1921 hours, Ptl Jeff Kless was on routine patrol in the Borough of Deal when he observed a vehicle commit a motor vehicle offense. Ptl Kless then conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of Norwood and Brighton Ave.

A subsequent investigation conducted by Sgt Sharin, Sgt Egan, Ptl Vaccaro, Ptl Kerney, Ptl Lokerson, K-9 Atok, Ptl Mirrione and Ptl Kless, revealed the occupants of the vehicle were in possession of a loaded handgun and controlled dangerous substances. Following a brief foot pursuit, and with assistance of K-9 Atok, both subjects were apprehended and placed under arrest.

Tyshon Kelly was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, possession of hollow point bullets, and possession of controlled dangerous substances. Kelly was committed to Monmouth County Correctional Institution default \$77,500.00 bail.

Jamire Williams was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, possession of hollow point bullets, resisting arrest, obstruction, and possession of controlled dangerous substances. Williams was committed to Monmouth County Correctional Institution default \$97,500.00 bail.

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5. Lieutenant Matt Sharin, Sergeant Dan Kobil, Ptl Joe Ammaturo, Detective Dan Liptak and Ptl Jeff Kless

On February 8, 2017 at approximately 1614 hours, Ptl Jeff Kless was on routine patrol in the Borough of Deal when he observed a silver Audi exceeding the posted speed limit on Norwood Ave. Ptl Kless then

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conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of Norwood and Roosevelt Ave.

During the course of the motor vehicle stop Ptl Kless asked the occupants to exit the vehicle to further his investigation. At this time Willis began to flee on foot running westbound on Roosevelt Ave. Following a brief foot pursuit by Ptl Kless and Sgt Kobil they were able to apprehend Willis and take him into custody. A subsequent investigation conducted by Lt. Sharin, Sgt Kobil, Ptl Ammaturo, Det Liptak and Ptl Kless, revealed the occupants of the vehicle were in possession of a loaded 45 caliber handgun along with additional ammunition.

Christopher Willis was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, possession of hollow point bullets, resisting arrest, obstruction and certain persons not to have weapons. Willis was committed to Monmouth County Correctional Institution pending his first appearance.

Paul Kula was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, possession of hollow point bullets, certain persons not to have weapons, speeding, open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and failure to exhibit documents. Kula was committed to Monmouth County Correctional Institution pending his first appearance.

6. Lieutenant William Hulse, Sergeant Nick Vaccaro, Patrolman Brad Kerney, Patrolman Dave Talty, Patrolman Miguel Medina, Officer Dale Wong

On July 6, 2017 at approximately 4:00pm Ptl Dave Talty was on routine patrol in the Borough of Deal. Ptl Talty observed a vehicle commit several motor vehicle violations on Norwood Ave and conducted a motor vehicle stop in the parking lot of the Gulf station located in Elberon. During the stop the accused provided false information and false documents and ultimately fled the scene on foot. This resulted in a brief foot chase involving Ptl Talty, Ptl Kerney and Officer Wong. The accused was apprehended in the rear of a property on West Lincoln Ave in Ocean Township.

The accused was subsequently charged with 3 counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, 1 count of attempting to disarm a police officer, 2 counts throwing bodily fluids at a police officer, 1 count destruction of evidence, 1 count of obstruction, 1 count resisting arrest, 1 count providing false information, 1 count possession of prescription drugs not in proper container, 2 counts providing false documents to police, as well as several motor vehicle violations. The accused was also found to have multiple outstanding warrants totaling \$132,000. In accordance with bail reform guidelines Everett was committed to Monmouth County Jail pending court date.

Medal of Excellence: *(The officer performs an act or series of acts that results in highly credible accomplishments. The act will show exceptional professional conduct and service to the Department, community, or the Officer, but does not rise to the level of meritorious service.)*

1. Detective Daniel Kobil

In the spring of 2016 several residential burglaries were reported in the Borough of Deal, Borough of Interlaken and the Village of Loch Arbour.

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Detective Dan Kobil was assigned to these cases and conducted an investigation.

Throughout the investigation Detective Kobil was able to collect forensic and electronic evidence that helped provide a detailed description of the accused suspect. In sharing this information with several surrounding agencies, the Tinton Falls Police Department was able to locate and arrest the individual committing the same crimes in their jurisdiction. This solved several crimes in our jurisdictions.

Louis R. DiLieto was subsequently arrested by Detective Kobil and charged with 6 counts of burglary, 12 counts of theft and 7 counts of defiant trespass. Mr. DiLieto was committed to Monmouth County Correctional Institution default \$94,500.00 bail.

2. Detective Daniel Liptak

During the overnight hours of March 3, 2017 several vehicles were burglarized in the Borough of Deal, Borough of Interlaken and the Village of Loch Arbour. The following day Detective Liptak was able to gain information on the accused and provide a description to neighboring jurisdictions.

On March 7, 2017 an Ocean Township resident observed 2 males burglarizing a vehicle in the West Allenhurst Section of the Township. Ocean Township Police were able to apprehend the accused following a brief foot pursuit. A follow up investigation was conducted by Ocean Township Detectives and Detective Liptak of this agency which resulted in several burglary cases being solved.

Subsequent to the follow up investigation, Maverick Parreott was charged with 3 counts of burglary and 2 counts of theft within the Borough of Deal, 3 counts of burglary and 2 counts of theft within the Borough of Interlaken and 2 counts of burglary and 2 counts of theft within the Village of Loch Arbour. Parreott was processed and released pending a court date. The male juvenile was charged with 4 counts of conspiracy to commit burglary and four counts of conspiracy to commit theft in the Borough of Deal and the Village of Loch Arbour. The Juvenile was released to a family member pending a court date.

3. Lieutenant Matthew Sharin

In 2016 the Chief was invited to attend the International Chiefs of Police Conference in San Diego to receive The Traffic Safety Award from The National Highway Traffic Safety Association. Out of thousands of participants in the National Law Enforcement Challenge, Deal Police Department placed third in the nation and first in NJ. We are the first police department in NJ to receive this prestigious award on the national level. In order to receive this award a police department must demonstrate that it excels in problem identification, policies, planning, training, public information, education and enforcement.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the tireless work of the members of the Deal Police Department in keeping our roadways safe and Lt. Sharin for compiling all the necessary data so that it can be presented to the national assessors.

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Citizens Award: *(This award shall be given to any member of the general public whose actions show a great dedication to the community by committing a highly commendable act.)*

1. Elliot Tawil

Elliot Tawil is recognized by this Department for his many years of dedication and support to our officers. In 2016 Mr. Tawil was able to solicit support from the community that enabled our department to outfit all of our officers with steal plated armor vests. This increases our officer's safety and allows us to increase our ability to respond to emergencies.

Officer of the Year: *(This award goes to an officer that goes above and beyond for the betterment of the communities we serve and follows the 5 core values of the department)*

Patrolman Christopher Mirrione

- Professionalism – in our actions
- Respect – for all citizens and each other
- Integrity – being honest and deserving of trust
- Commitment – to our communities, organizations and our duty
- Excellence – in everything we do

Mayor Cohen requested comments from the floor.

Paul Fernicola, Mayor – Village of Loch Arbour, thanked the police department for their service to Loch Arbour.

Michael Nohilly, Mayor – Borough of Interlaken, congratulated the police department and thanked them for their service to the Borough of Interlaken.

Barbara Coffey, 85 Norwood Avenue, asked the Board of Commissioners to bring back the emergency bells at the Firehouse, Mayor Cohen stated no. Mayor Cohen then stated that due to today's technology with radio's and phones there is no need, he has received several complaints from residence. Ms. Coffey asked about the use of ATV's on the beach, she was advised that they are prohibited in the area between Marine Place and Neptune Avenue and that more areas are being considered.

Mayor Cohen asked for any additional comments from the public, which there was none and closed the floor to public comments.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be on Friday, August 11, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business or comments, it was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

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Clerk