

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: June 9, 2010

East Windsor Town Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chairman Sinsigallo. Commissioners Sherman and Strepfer were present as well as Chief of Police Edward DeMarco and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Selectman John Burnham was also present. Commissioners Nelson and Sauerhoefer were absent and excused this evening.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 12, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sherman to accept the regular meeting minutes of 5/12/10, as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Strepfer. No further discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Strepfer

ALL VOTING IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sherman to accept the monthly billing as of 6/3/10 in the amount of \$ 9,961.71, as written. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Strepfer. No discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Strepfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sherman to accept the monthly financial statements dated 6/3/10, as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Strepfer. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sherman/Strepfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sherman to approve the monthly billing dated 5/31/10 in the amount of \$ 125.78. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Strepfer. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sherman/Strepfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sherman to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 5/31/10, as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Strepfer. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sherman/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC INPUT #1 – Comments and Discussion (5 minute maximum per subject):

1. John Burnham (178 Scantic Road, East Windsor): Mr. Burnham apologized for missing the awards ceremony last month. Mr. Burnham also commented that he did meet the canine officer and his dog at a Scout Hall event. Also, Mr. Burnham took a moment to recognize the service and express his appreciation of the department with regards to an incident for which an acquaintance needed help.

2. Kathy Pippin (Woolam Road, East Windsor): Ms. Pippin commented that she did attend the awards ceremony and was disappointed that more people did not attend to see our prestigious officers. Ms. Pippin also expressed disappointment about a comment that was made by an attendee questioning an award for the officer suing the town the most. In conclusion, Ms. Pippin thanked Deputy Chief Hart for coming to some of the town meetings for safety concerns. Commissioner Sinsigallo agreed that it was reassuring having Deputy Chief Hart there, as some of the meetings had some heated discussions.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A) Public Input Changes –

Commissioner Sinsigallo suggested that “Public Input” be placed just before Executive Session as the public may want the opportunity to comment on other agenda items that are discussed. Chairman Sinsigallo added that only one public input session is needed. Chairman Sinsigallo stated that the CONSENSUS of the commission is to place “Public Input” after the Monthly Reports, just prior to Executive Session.

7. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chief DeMarco commented that the only pending item is the traffic light at the Middle School. He states that everything has been submitted, the DOT is currently working on it and we should hear soon.

8. PUBLIC INPUT #2 – Comments only – NO DISCUSSION:

John Burnham commented that he agrees that it is a good idea to move public input towards the end of the agenda.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

None

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

A) Chairman Sinsigallo read a thank you letter to Chief DeMarco from Superintendent Tim Howes for the invitation to the Police Awards ceremony.

B) Letter from Chief Barton will be discussed later.

- C) An incident that Chief DeMarco has been looking into, along with Jim Richards (Chamber of Commerce) was recognized. A letter went out (via Chamber of Commerce) to area restaurants regarding a local scam.

11. MONTHLY REPORTS:

A) Chief of Police –

1. Discussion of finances. Chief DeMarco handed out a letter to the Police Commission regarding *FY 2009/2010 Budget Transfers*. Chief DeMarco stated that the department will make budget this year, however it has been the closest it has been in a few years. Line transfers need to be made on the salary and operations side (individually, not one to the other). The handout shows transfers amounts “from” and “to”. Commissioners reviewed handout – brief discussion followed. Deputy Chief Hart clarified what the transfers are and why the department needs to do some “housekeeping” (with the allotted budget amounts). He added that furlough days and worker’s comp. created some excess in certain areas (125 lines) – it was not over budgeted.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sherman to make the following transfers as per Chief DeMarco’s letter dated 6/9/10:

Salary Category-

\$ 19,000 from account 1-01-15-2145-1-125 to account 1-01-15-2145-1-102

\$ 10,000 from account 1-01-15-2145-1-125 to account 1-01-15-2145-1-103

Other Category-

\$ 700 from account 1-01-15-2145-7-701 to account 1-01-15-2145-6-610

\$ 2000 from account 1-01-15-2145-8-800 to account 1-01-15-2145-4-430

\$ 1700 from account 1-01-15-2145-7-799 to account 1-01-15-2145-4-430

\$ 3900 from account 1-01-15-2145-3-325 to account 1-01-15-2145-4-431

\$ 700 from account 1-01-15-2145-6-612 to account 1-01-15-2145-4-431

\$ 300 from account 1-01-15-2145-6-631 to account 1-01-15-2145-4-431

\$ 1000 from account 1-01-15-2145-6-620 to account 1-01-15-2145-4-431

SECONDED by Commissioner Stremper. No further discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Chief DeMarco reported on some updates of incidences occurring in town. He reported that the victim from the Walmart pedestrian accident has passed and it is under investigation.

Currently the fire and police departments are at Depot Street where a possible arson has occurred. The home is a total loss. Three suspects have been identified and there may be arrests.

A young juvenile suffered injuries during a hit and run accident on Depot Street this evening. Victim was struck by a car from behind. Still under investigation.

Report of a rabid woodchuck that attacked the Animal Control Officer. As the officer attempted to shoot the animal, a vehicle was struck. The department is paying for a paint job to the motor vehicle.

Legal matters to be discussed during Executive Session.

B) Commission Members –

Commissioner Sherman commented that the department has done a great job with the budget and commends the Chief and Deputy Chief for all their efforts. He added that he hopes many realize that it's a tough job, but do our best to make it work.

Commissioner Stremper also reiterated that he can not believe the high level of service that the department provides to the citizens given the budget it has to work with.

Commissioner Sinsigallo also commented that she was approached by a citizen (regarding an incident of a tree down on North Road) who stated that the officers were very polite, professional and helpful.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Sherman to go into Executive Session (7:21pm) to include the Chief and Deputy Chief. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session ended at 8:02pm.

No action taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sherman made a **MOTION** to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04pm. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Sherman/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pellegrini

EWPC Recording Secretary