

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: July 8, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Held Via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 935-3479-3548

URL: <https://zoom.us/j/93534793548>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Long, and Safford were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Present in the audience was Selectman Sarah Muska.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to add Agenda #6, Traffic Authority: Request for no truck traffic on Morris Street and parking on Maple Street.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the June 10, 2020, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to accept the regular meeting minutes of 06/10/2020.

SECONDED by Commissioner Safford

EXCUSED: Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing, as of July 7, in the amount of \$10,041.55, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone asked if this was through June 30th end of year. Deputy Chief Hart said that is correct.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements, for 2019/2020, through June 30th as indicated on the memo dated July 7th, with a balance of \$109,082.57, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone said its great they are able to return so much of the taxpayers' money and still do the great job they're doing. In regard to the statement, it shows a transfer of \$34,085 for ACO Salary and he wants to know where that money went. Deputy Chief Hart explained that was discussed several months ago and because of the new MUNIS system the money was moved to a separate Dog Fund Budget. If the Police Commission wants a report showing the Dog Fund Budget, they will give upon request. Chairman Leach stated the amount being returned is a substantial amount. Deputy Chief Hart agreed and reminded the Commission there are still bills coming in for the previous fiscal year so the number will be reduced another \$10,000 or so. Commissioner Filipone said it looks like the bulk of the money is from the Officer Salary Line. Deputy Chief Hart explained its from Cpl. Sheehan and Ofc. Capen's salaries.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the proposed budget FY 2020/2021, as of July 7, 2020, for \$3,550,644.32.

SECONDED by Commissioner Safford

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Safford to approve the monthly billing in the total amount of \$125.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the Police Commission monthly financial statement dated 06/30/2020 as submitted with a balance of \$375.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

Chairman Leach requested a 5-minute recess for battery charging issues.

MOTION made by Commissioner Safford to take a 5-minute recess.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Leach called the meeting back to order at 7:19 pm.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

The Police Commission received a letter from the First Selectman regarding two issues raised by constituents. The first issue is a request for signs for no truck traffic on Morris Road. Chairman Leach wanted to make sure everyone was aware that trucks can travel on any roads here in East Windsor; there's no State or Federal restrictions for truck traffic. Commissioner Long asked if there were signs there in the past. Commissioner Filipone stated if there were any signs, they would only be a request, not an order. Commissioner Long said the road is narrow so he can understand why people may be concerned. Deputy Chief Hart explained the LTA could attempt to create a no thru truck zone, but it's very difficult to get approval from the State of CT. He went on to say if trucks miss the turn at Wapping Road, their GPS tells them to turn onto Morris Road and there may be ways to help alleviate this issue. Commissioner Long asked if they could use signs that request the trucks to not use the road. Chief DeMarco stated you can, but they aren't enforceable. Deputy Chief Hart went on to say sometimes more signs aren't better, don't work to ease the problem, and there are certain places signs should be placed. Chief DeMarco explained this issue has been researched in the past and they will provide the Commission with a written formalized response for the next meeting. Chairman Leach agreed they would look at the formalized response next meeting and come to a decision. Chairman Leach will also reach out to the First Selectman regarding the complaint.

The second issue is a complaint regarding parking on Maple Street. Residents that live on Maple Street have reached out to the First Selectman that reportedly vehicles from tenants of an apartment complex are being parked on both sides of the street, obstructing driveways. Chairman Leach stated Parking Ordinance Section 2J could apply to this issue and a \$20 fine could be given to any offenders. Deputy Chief Hart explained about ten years ago they did a study on parking in this area; signs were missing, and signs were put up regarding parking. Also, approximately one month ago, the Patrol Commander notified all Supervisors and Officers on each shift to do parking enforcement in this area. Commissioner Filipone said he drove by there several times since receiving the complaint letter and although there were cars parked in the street, none were blocking any driveways. He said they have plenty of parking available at the apartment complex, but it seems like they are choosing to park in the road. He also said there is a boat parked at the end of the road. He noticed one No Parking sign. Commissioner Long said he drove by Sunday and none of the driveways were blocked. He also saw the boat and asked if a boat can be parked in the road. Deputy Chief Hart explained

the boat can be there as long as its registered and on a trailer. Chairman Leach asked them to continue to monitor the situation. Deputy Chief Hart said they would run a report tomorrow seeing if the police have received any complaint calls and will check the area to make sure the proper No Parking signs are up. He said residents should call the police department if there is a violation/driveway blocked.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

None.

10. PUBLIC INPUT – Comments and Discussion (5 minutes maximum time per subject)

Selectman Sarah Muska of 25 Maple Avenue stated she addressed this in her Selectmen's Report at the previous meeting but wanted to address the Commission. She attended the Community & Cops Picnic on the 27th at the Opera House and she wanted to commend the police department on a job well done. Despite the rain there were a lot of families that came out and it was a great event to interact with the Officers. She appreciates the police department doing events like this and getting involved in the community. She also saw Commissioner Filipone there. It was a job well done.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Safford to enter into Executive Session at 7:38 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 8:08 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Safford

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Safford

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Safford

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary