

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: February 13, 2019

East Windsor Police Department
25 School Street, East Windsor, CT 06088

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Hayes and Long were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Present in the audience was Mr. William Thim.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Chairman Leach to add Agenda #7, New Business: Fixed Asset Disposal

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 9, 2019, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the regular meeting minutes of 01/09/2019.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

EXCUSED: Commissioners Filipone/Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing, in the amount of \$17,500.82.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach asked what the bill for CT Emergency Services was for. Deputy Chief Hart explained it is tuition for the academy for the two new officers. Commissioner Hayes asked when the officers will be done at the academy. Chief DeMarco explained they are in the academy for six months (they started late December) and then they have four months of field training.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly financial statements, except the Longevity line, which will be researched, and an update given at next meeting for clarification.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Long asked about the longevity line. Chief DeMarco will look into the percent remaining and will give clarification at next meeting. Chairman Leach stated money may be need to be transferred to the Overtime line before April. Deputy Chief Hart explained the Treasurer allows them to go into the red until the year is reconciled.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing as of 01/31/19 in the total amount of \$125.00

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Long to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 01/31/2019 as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach asked for an additional \$125 in the budget in the case of an additional meeting.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Chief DeMarco stated the union has written they are not attending in person for the Step 2 grievance hearing; it is their intent to proceed to Step 3 depending how this commission rules. This hearing does not require the attorney to attend but does require the commission to listen to the facts by those in attendance and render a decision. It is requested to be held in executive session. Without the presence of the union to request it to be in open session, they should proceed with the hearing in executive session.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to take Step 2 Grievance out of order and be heard in executive session after public input.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION

Deputy Chief Hart stated two vehicles (1301 and 1302), that we replaced, have been physically transferred to DPW and we need an official transfer to the town for those vehicles. Chairman Leach asked what condition the vehicles are in. Deputy Chief explained one vehicle has 114,000 miles and the other 134,000 miles. Commissioner Hayes asked what the town would use them for. Chief DeMarco said its up to the town, but he has seen the vehicles go to Parks & Rec., Building Services, Highway Dept., etc. The goal is to transfer the vehicles with approximately 75,000 miles, but when the department gets cut a car or two in the budget, they must hold onto them longer. A discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to dispose of vehicles 1301 and 1302 to the Department of Public Works.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Hayes had a notice from Town Hall that the Justice of the Peace have been scammed by a group asking to do a wedding; they say they will send money for a videographer and to send money back. He believes Bob Light got a written letter about it also.

Chief DeMarco explained they received the grant for the K-9 program. They received half now and half will be forthcoming. The first item necessary for the program will be a K-9 vehicle which is the most expensive item. As discussed previously, they will need money from the Private Duty Fund to support the K-9 program; they will need \$12,500. Deputy Chief Hart went on to explain the 2019 Ford SUV Interceptors are being discontinued (and production has been cut down) and being replaced with the 2020 Ford SUV Explorers. In addition, the 2020's are not guaranteed to be available by the time the program starts and the parts of the 2019 are not interchangeable with the 2020. MHQ has a 2018 leftover in MA, but they are insisting they do all the work. The cost would be \$46,000 which doesn't include the tough book computer (\$3,000) or graphics (\$500) and install (\$150). A Dodge Durango is another option. A discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Chairman Leach to transfer money from the Private Duty Fund in the amount of \$12,500 to the Capital Non-Recurring Equipment line #3005 510200 81020.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION

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

Mr. William Thim from 50 Miller Road suggests they realign the double yellow lines on the corner of Wapping Road and Miller Road with dotted yellow lines as an arch to follow. He explained when people take the corner too sharp (Wapping Road onto Miller Road), they go into the other lane. He states this issue has been occurring at the intersection near his house for the last 30 years he has lived there and it's an accident waiting to happen. If he's coming down Miller Road and turns the corner, at least once a week there will be someone coming up Wapping Road that cuts the curve too sharp and winds up in his lane and he has to drive into his neighbor's yard to avoid a collision. The same thing happens to his wife. He states he has called the police department on this matter and was told by someone (unsure of who he spoke to) that there isn't a disproportionate amount of accidents that happen there, so they are unable to do anything, and that Mr. Thim would need to present this matter to the police commission. Chief DeMarco stated he would put this area on the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). They can put some visibility and radar there to control speeding. The Traffic Authority is in charge of the physical condition of the road. He will ask for a study and see if the Town Engineer can look at it. Commissioner Hayes asked if they could put grooved yellow lines down. Chief DeMarco stated the State does that. Chief DeMarco will report his findings on this issue to the police commission next month.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to enter into Executive Session at 7:31 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to end Executive Session at 7:46 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to deny the union Step 2 Grievance 18-02.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to enter back into Executive Session at 7:47 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to end Executive Session at 8:39 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary