

# EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: October 13, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

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## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Long. Commissioners Filipone, Mancuso, and Riordan were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Administrative Lieutenant Matt Carl. Present in the audience were Selectman Sarah Muska and Selectman Charles Nordell.

## 2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

## 3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the September 8, 2021, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Riordan to accept the regular meeting minutes of 09/08/2021.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**EXCUSED:** Chairman Leach

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Mancuso

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

**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 October 13, 2021, in the amount of \$24,595.56, as submitted.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Filipone asked about the dues and fees for New Britain Police. Chief DeMarco explained it's for the police academy. Commissioner Filipone asked about the charge for the stop sticks. Chief DeMarco stated it was to purchase five stop sticks.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**B) Police Department – Financial Statement:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements, with a balance of \$2,915,368.27, as submitted.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**D) Police Commission – Financial Statement:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 09/30/2021 as submitted with a balance of \$1,314.75.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

Commissioner Long brought up an email the Chairman received regarding Morris Road signs. Chief DeMarco explained they researched this issue last year and did not approve signs. Chief DeMarco said they will look into it again and will report back next month. A discussion ensued. Chief DeMarco stated the Skylark Airport signs are up on each end.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the 2022 meeting dates for the Police Commission meetings.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to take the candidate interviews out of order and after public input.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED**

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

## 9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief DeMarco stated they did get the \$35,000 grant they spoke about last month and the mental health program is up and running. Commissioner Filipone asked how long the money will last. Chief DeMarco explained it needs to be used by December 31, 2021; they didn't get the money upfront but are reimbursed and it will be enough.

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

Selectman Sarah Muska stated she has been contacted by business owners in town because of the mask mandate. The Board of Selectmen did not put this mandate in place, but the First Selectman did. She doesn't know how to answer them when she's told the cops are getting called because someone's not wearing a mask. Chief DeMarco explained the police department does have to follow the mandate and respond when there's a call. Most people understand and comply when they show up. They have not given any tickets or had any arrests. We are neutral and handle the calls as they come in. Selectman Muska also asked about the truck signs on Scantic Road. She wants to know if they could bring the issue up with Jason and revisit as a board and also who enforces it if it says per Board of Selectmen? Chief DeMarco explained no one can enforce it. It's considered a courtesy sign, but too many signs create clutter and are confusing to drivers. It is non enforceable.

Selectman Charles Nordell stated he was behind a school bus on Rt. 5 leaving the high school in the afternoon and four out of the three kids that got off the bus had cars drive past the blinking lights. Chief Demarco said they will put that on the STEP program. Selectman Nordell said he's seen comments on Facebook of people complaining about drivers turning left into Cumberland Farms on Rt. 5. There are no left turn signs and do not enter signs, but people are still doing it. He even saw a semi car carrier go in the wrong way to get in. Chief DeMarco stated they will also put that area on the STEP program to gain voluntary compliance.

Commissioner Filipone asked about the cruiser that sits across from Cumberland Farms in the driveway. Chief DeMarco explained the company hires and pays for the police to be there to direct traffic to let vehicles in and out of the driveway.

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session at 7:19 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Adm. Lt. Carl for discussion on legal issues and candidate interviews.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 9:04 pm

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Riordan to make a conditional offer to promote Ofc. Kasey Gonsalves to position of Sergeant.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Riordan to make a conditional offer to hire Nicholas Miranda for position of Dispatcher contingent upon successful completion of background check and processing.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Mancuso/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary**