

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: March 9, 2022

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 7:01 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Long, and Rivera-Hills were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr., Deputy Chief Roger Hart, and Administrative Lieutenant Matt Carl. Present in the audience was Selectman Marie DeSousa.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 9, 2022, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to accept the regular meeting minutes of 2/09/2022.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

EXCUSED: Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Rivera-Hills

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 in the amount of \$19,808.82, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone asked what the dues for \$7900 were for. Deputy Chief Hart explained it was for the two police officers in the New Britain Police Academy. Commissioner Long asked about the higher cost for the vehicle maintenance. Deputy Chief Hart explained there was an issue with the billing from Bosco's. We didn't receive all of the invoices due to a problem with Bosco's software since July of last year. We have now received them, and they have worked out the issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Rivera-Hills

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 \$1,234,163.01, as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 2/28/2022 as submitted with a balance of \$631.37.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Leach asked if they had a chance to inspect the gun club. Chief DeMarco stated he talked to them today and are planning to go and see it. They have spoken to other agencies and will now move forward to visit the facility.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief DeMarco stated the radio process is moving forward and now in the hands of the First Selectman. He's looking at potential cuts and savings. We are still on track to get it done in the next month or so. He went on to say their scheduled meeting in front of the Board of Finance is Monday, April 4th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall (in-person meeting).

Deputy Chief Hart explained the Year-to-Date Budget Report that was submitted has been improved. There are a few lines that are in the red, but we will probably still be o.k. When you compare the overtime line from last month to this month, it would appear we spent \$83,000 in one month, but we found the Treasurer's office wasn't up to date in the Munis entries for this report. We are about \$11,140 in the red on the overtime, but if you check the Officer Salary line, there's about 4% in that, so we should end up o.k. The other line is the Dues & Fees line that has the \$7,900 expenditure for two people to go through the academy. However, looking at the rest of the lines we are looking pretty good for the rest of the year. Chief DeMarco explained the tightening down measures we take that don't usually happen until April, May, or June, will have to start now.

Chairman Leach was asked by Commissioner Riordan to commend the Chief and staff for an outstanding job everyone did Sunday afternoon and he's sure it was a difficult scene to handle. Chief DeMarco stated he will pass that along to the on-scene individuals as it was a very difficult case for them and they handled it professionally.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

None.

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

Selectman DeSousa also wanted to commend them for the efforts put forth on Sunday.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 pm to include Chief DeMarco, Deputy Chief Hart, and Adm. Lt. Carl for discussion on legal and security issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to end Executive Session at 7:56 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary