

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: April 13, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Long. Commissioners Filipone, Riordan, and Rivera-Hills were present. Also present were Deputy Chief Roger Hart and Administrative Lieutenant Matt Carl. Present in the audience was Selectman Marie DeSousa. Chairman Leach arrived at 7:02 pm.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

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

MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to accept the regular meeting minutes of 3/09/2022.

SECONDED by Commissioner Rivera-Hills

EXCUSED: Chairman Leach

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Riordan/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 \$7,632.53, as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Leach arrived 7:02 pm

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills to approve the monthly financial statements, with a balance of \$968,197.84, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone asked about the overtime. Deputy Chief Hart explained Covid really put us in the hole. He started a projection and will be finishing it, but its going to be close. We should be good, but if it looks like we're leaning to not make it, he will reach out to the Treasurer's office and Board of Finance. A discussion ensued.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 3/31/2022 as submitted with a balance of \$506.37.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Leach asked if the Hartford Gun club met the requirements. Deputy Chief Hart stated it did meet the requirements and there was nothing but positive feedback. Chairman Leach said it's up to the Commission to expend the amount of \$1,500 from private duty funds to get us into the Hartford Gun Club and next year it will be put into the Training budget. A discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the expenditure of \$1,500 for the Hartford Gun Club and to transfer the funds from the private duty fund for firearms training.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Filipone asked how the K-9 and drone programs are doing. Deputy Chief Hart said they are going well. The K-9 had a recent drug arrest, and the drone was out a couple of

times and helped with a missing person and Bloomfield with some photography for a plot of land. Adm. Lt. Carl explained the drone requires two people to operate it; one has a line of sight, and one controls it, so scheduling does not always allow us to use it. It doesn't fly in inclement weather either. The K-9 made a drug arrest recently at the Roadway and they also arrested the same person the next day. Chairman Leach stated he sees the K-9 training on Congress Way in South Windsor. Chairman Long asked if the police department was involved in the active shooter drill in South Windsor. Deputy Chief Hart said we were not.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Leach stated the budget presentation went well and it will be up to the town. Deputy Chief Hart said he listened to it and they didn't cut our budget at all. Commissioner Long asked about a survey he believed he saw. Selectman DeSousa said it's for \$3.1 million dollars in federal funding. The town broke it down into five categories to see what the public wants to do with the money, and they've received approximately 150 back so far.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

None.

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

Selectman DeSousa wanted to publicly thank the police department staff for their excellent job helping on Church Street last month. The professionalism and help they extended to everyone that was there; we couldn't ask for a better group of people and she's sorry they had to go through that. The survey is out there. The budget is at where it is right now. There are organizations sending out letters in the mail and putting stuff on Facebook so they will deal with that; it looks like they are going after the Broad Brook Fire Department. She hopes the budget will get passed on the first round, but you never know. We'll see what happens with the fire district budget. It was all done in open session and most people know she doesn't live in Warehouse Point and never has; she lives on 10 Rice Road. If anyone has questions for clarification, she hopes they look at the minutes and not the misinterpretations that are out there. The fire district is built into the East Windsor mill rate, but Enfield doesn't include it in the mill rate which is why you need to understand what you are looking at. Hopefully, it will get passed. They have the ARP they are waiting on. Another state project is being advanced forward and the state approved it. The first installment should be coming shortly.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to enter into Executive Session at 7:19 pm to include Deputy Chief Hart and Adm. Lt. Carl for discussion on legal and security issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to end Executive Session at 7:39 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary