

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: November 9, 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 7:02 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Long, and Riordan were present. Also present were Chief Roger Hart and Deputy Chief Matt Carl. Present in the audience was Selectman Marie DeSousa.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 12, 2022, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to accept the regular meeting minutes of 10/12/2022.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

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 Riordan to approve the monthly billing in the amount of \$18,524.34, as of November 9.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach commented the date on the billing says the 9th, but the report came out on the 7th. Chief Hart stated the administrative assistant dated it for the meeting date.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly financial statements, with a balance of \$2,640,515.71.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone said we are a third of the way through and it looks ok. Deputy Chief Carl said we had training (including shooting) so there was overtime.

Chief Hart added the overtime is also higher due to vacancies, but the officer line is about 3% higher than it should be so it balances out.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/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 Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/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 10/31/2022 as submitted with a balance of \$1,225.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Leach stated the Commission needs to decide on the location of the meetings for next year.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone said we don't have a large public and we never do and can move the meeting if they are expecting a larger crowd. Commissioner Riordan agrees and believes it is more convenient for the police staff and he's never been intimidated walking in here and everyone is always pleasant.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to remain here in the Emergency Management room for next year's Police Commission meetings.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chief Hart said they would like to put "No Parking" signs on Rye Street for the Broad Brook School traffic issues. He handed out a diagram of the current parking areas and area of concern. A discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to post "No Parking" signs at the Broad Brook Elementary School at the intersection of Old Ellington Road and Rye Street at the South entrance.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Leach wanted to announce the retirement of Chief Edward DeMarco, Jr., on December 31, 2022. He read an announcement from the Police Commission (Attachment A) on the retirement and thanked him for his service. They will be holding a Special Meeting on November 23, 2022, to honor his years of service and will post the details in a Special Meeting Agenda. He will forward the information to the Town Clerk.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief Hart said he didn't have anything but would be happy to answer any questions from the Commission. Chairman Leach asked about the agenda for the Board of Selectmen on the camera request and how to handle it for CIP. Chief Hart said the Finance Director suggested we get a transfer in this current budget to move forward. There is a grant money we can get that is expiring June 30, 2023, so we need to move on it. He met with the First Selectman and Finance Director and they came up with a plan to present it to the Board of Selectmen and if we get approved then they could transfer the funds into the CIP funds. The new Axon cameras bid will expire on December 31, 2022, and they anticipate a 5-7% price increase after that date. We can use the JAG grant funds and they will reimburse 30% of first year hardware and software. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Long wants to know what the life expectancy is for the cameras and if they're server based. Chief Hart said it is about five years and these are Cloud based. We are requesting 11 vehicle cameras and 30 body cameras.

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

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to enter into Executive Session at 7:29 pm to include Chief Hart and Deputy Chief Carl for discussion on legal and security issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 8:01 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION
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ANNOUNCEMENT

11/09/2022

It is with mixed feelings that we, the East Windsor Police Commission, announce the retirement of Edward J. DeMarco, Jr., Chief of Police. He is currently out of the office preparing for his retirement, and his official retirement date will be December 31, 2022.

Chief DeMarco has been a valuable member of the management team, and his leadership during good and difficult times over his 19 ½ years has been nothing less than exceptional. Chief DeMarco has led the agency to obtain POST-C Accreditation, and initiated award-winning mental health team programing, to name a few recent accomplishments. Chief DeMarco has left the agency fully prepared to face the challenges of policing in the 21st century.

Chief DeMarco will always be remembered as a hardworking, committed, and friendly person and leader. He is a true credit to the profession, and we would like to sincerely thank him for his many years of service to the community.

Please join us at our next Special Police Commission Meeting, which will be held at the East Windsor Police Department on 11/23/2022 to honor his years of service and wish him the best.