

# EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: March 8, 2023

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 Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Long, Riordan, and Rivera-Hills were present. Also present were Chief Roger Hart and Deputy Chief Matt Carl. Present in the audience was Deputy First Selectman Marie DeSousa.

## 2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

## 3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 8, 2023, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to accept the regular meeting minutes of 02/08/2023.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

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

**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 \$9,974.49.

**DISCUSSION:** Chairman Leach asked what the charge of \$2298.00 for Sgt. Knowles was for. Chief Hart stated it was tuition reimbursement. Commissioner Long asked what the Olender's charge was for. Chief Hart stated it was to fix damage to the retired Chief's vehicle.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**B) Police Department – Financial Statement:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills to approve the monthly financial statements, with a balance of \$1,295,123.44.

**DISCUSSION:** Chairman Leach asked about the Overtime Line. Chief Hart explained we had higher overtime because we're down so many people throughout the year. The Officer Line is nearly \$900,000. He did a rough estimate of where we should be at the end of the year

and it should be approximately \$650,000-\$660,0000. The two lines will balance each other out so we should be o.k. He'll let them and the Board of Finance know if anything changes.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/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/Riordan/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 02/28/2023 as submitted with a balance of \$725.00.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chairman Leach said we need to discuss the vehicle transfers from last meeting. Chief Hart explained the vehicles are ready to be transferred and he had the documents for them to sign.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills to transfer #59 2004 Ford F350, #1701 2018 Ford Interceptor, #1702 2018 Ford Interceptor to the First Selectman/Department of Public Works.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

Chief Hart has a request from Fire Chief Arcari for a sign coming northbound on Main Street indicating there is a firehouse. He read a letter to the Commissioners for the request. Chief Hart has no objections but thinks the location they are requesting would obstruct the view of drivers. He thinks it should go where Ilene's pizza used to be. He will contact Len to put it up. All Commissioners agree with putting up the sign.

Commissioner Filipone said people are still parking on the grassy area at the school. Chief Hart agreed that it is still happening and they don't have the SRO at this time to monitor the area. They will need to write tickets to try and deter the parking there.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

## 9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief Hart stated we had the test for the Detective Special Assignment last Friday. Three applicants tested and did very well. Officer Tessier came out at the top and he will be promoted to Detective on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are down three officers and Sgt. Kasey Gonsalves has accepted a position with the DEA. She asked if she could have a temporary leave of absence that would allow her to have a five month leave of absence and make a decision if she wants to stay or come back to her position. The Commissioners have no objections and it can move forward. Chief Hart explained this will open a supervisor vacancy in which they can temporarily promote someone to fill the vacancy. It will go to a senior patrolman D.J. Jones who was a Corporal in the past. Officer Jones is also testing for Sergeant. A discussion ensued.

Chief Hart stated we are staffing the CT rural traffic road and speed enforcement \$5,000 grant. At the end of each month, they submit paperwork to the OPM. Once the OPM approves it, they give us the next month.

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

None.

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session at 7:23 pm to include Chief Hart and Deputy Chief Carl for discussion on legal and security issues.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to end Executive Session at 8:06 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 8:06 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**