

# EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: November 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 6:59 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone and Riordan were present. Also present was Chief Matthew Carl and Deputy Chief Benjamin Murphy. Present in the audience was Deputy First Selectman Marie DeSousa, Selectman Sarah Muska, Mr. David Menard, and Mr. Rich Teller.

## 2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Riordan to add Agenda #11C, Executive Session: Hiring

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

## 3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 11, 2023, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the regular meeting minutes of 10/11/2023.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**EXCUSED:** Commissioner Rivera-Hills

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/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 \$20,990,32.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Filipone asked what the charge from AAA Police Supply was for. Chief Carl stated it was for the purchase of ammunition for firearms training and the new recruits going to the academy.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/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 \$2,809,264.28.

**DISCUSSION:** Chief Carl stated we are at 51% for the overtime and the salary line is only at 25%. He has been communicating with the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan

**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 \$146.98.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/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 10/31/2023 as submitted with a balance of \$1,203.02.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

Chief Carl briefly went over the study done in 2020 for Kreyssig Road. He then went on to state he has the results back from the study on Kreyssig Road that was just completed. The study was done for 30 days and during that time 36,612 cars went through. The speed limit on the road is 35mph and the average speed was 30.66mph and 85% were at 34mph. Therefore, they will not be adding speed bumps or speed signs as suggested by the complainant, however, they will put the area on the STEP program. He will contact the complainant with his findings.

Chief Carl stated he looked into the request from a resident for 25mph speed limit signs. He found out there were missing signs and will have them re-installed and contact the complainant.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

## 9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief Carl went over his monthly report with the commissioners. They are in the process of doing a background check on a candidate for dispatcher as the last candidate took another job. They swore in a new officer on Monday, and he will not need to attend the police academy because POST will accept his previous training. He will still need EMR training and field training. They will be doing dispatcher and police officer testing on Monday. The New Britain academy has been pushed back. Deputy Chief Benjamin Murphy was sworn in last Friday. Heating has been restored in the administrative offices. The heat was not working in other areas of the department, but DPW fixed it quickly. They met with Windsor on the radio systems. The employee gate entrance is not working, and Deputy Chief Murphy has suggested we put “No Trespass” signs up so we can take enforcement if necessary. The police department got beat at the haunted highway event; the event was very well attended. He also attended the *coffee with a cop* event held on October 24<sup>th</sup>. He just finished the Web EOC training for Emergency Management, and they did the statewide exercise which was mandated. Lastly, he finished his sign signals and markings two-day LTA certification and has LTA 101 coming up in December. Deputy Chief Murphy will be taking the courses in the near future.

Chairman Leach suggested we add a budget line for recruiting if possible. Chief Carl stated he has been working with the town on the budget and will take that into consideration.

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

Marie DeSousa of 10 Rice Road made the following statement: Elections are over and questions have arisen in my mind regarding professionalism on public forums by two members on this Board that has me alarmed as to how we as dedicated volunteers can work together united for the best interest of East Windsor.

The Chairman of this Board, Bob Leach, has stated on several occasions in various use of verbiage that basically he has distain for the members of the BOS. (Our Town deserves better management and as long as I lived here I’ve seen nothing but amateurs at the helm. A florist, a flower shop delivery boy, a retired corrections officer, a banking code “engineer” and a fired bartender/former State employee.”) I bring this up for on this current Police Commission we have a retired Corrections employee/state employee and a former 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman. Do I assume he has the same distain for these two elected volunteers?

Ana Hill, Board Member, has stated The Chief and Deputy Chief are now political appointments. This is far from accurate. As a Board Member she should be or needed to be made aware that a hiring firm and a committee was formed with the BOS and two members of the Police Commission for the Chief position and the same committee for the Deputy Chief position.

On a positive note under Chief Carl morale has been restored. A question from the Chairman on a post was “Why did moral suffer and when did that begin to occur?” It might have behooved him to have dealt with that concern prior and in a confidential manner.

These few examples given beside me being upset and aggravated for trying to demean other volunteers that have to work together is unconscionable. To utilize some of Bob Leach verbiage does this Commission need better leadership.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session at 7:23 pm to include Chief Matthew Carl for legal and security updates and police officer interview.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 8:10 pm

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary**