

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: April 10, 2024

7:00 p.m.

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

Robert L. Leach, Chairman
Edward Filipone, Vice Chairman
Thomas Riordan, Commissioner
Ana R. Hills, Commissioner
David P. Menard, Commissioner

Advisory:

Matthew Carl, Chief of Police
Benjamin M. Murphy, Deputy Chief of Police

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Menard, Riordan, Hills and Filipone were present. Also, present were Chief Matthew Carl and Deputy Chief Benjamin Murphy.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Commissioner Menard to accept the Agenda as presented.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan.

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

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the March 13, 2024, Regular Meeting were reviewed by all Commission Members.

MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of March 13, 2024, as presented.

SECONDED by Commissioner Rivera-Hills.

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

Commissioner Filipone abstained.

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

a) Police Department – Monthly Billing \$20,895.50:

MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to approve the monthly billing in the amount of \$20,895.50 dated April 3, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

Robert Leach, Chairman, asked about the uniform line for new hires.

Chief Carl answered that it would most certainly go into the red due to filling up the shortage in the staffing and trying to fill in the spots. He reported that the newly hired deputies—all three of them must be outfitted. There is a separate document outlining each expense. More updates in the communications are coming, too.

SECONDED by Commissioner Rivera-Hills.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners
Menard/Riordan/Filipone/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 \$1,190,814.93 for April 5th.

DISCUSSION: None

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan.

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

c) Police Commission – Monthly Billing:

MOTION made by Commissioner Rivera to approve the monthly billing of \$125.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners
Menard/Riordan/Filipone/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 with the balance of \$953.02.

Chairman Leach was unsure if it had the Recording Secretary's commissions.

Chief Carl responded negatively. It did not indicate the expense for a Recording Secretary. He stated that he would process and authorize the fees that evening.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan.

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

Chairman Leach asked if the traffic trailer has been disposed.

Chief Carl responded positively.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

The shrubs have been removed and trimmed by the owner on the contested street.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

A) Chief of Police:

Chief Carl: The dispatcher Osbourne continues with her CFO program successfully. Dispatcher Carl began her training and is in the first phase. Officer Caldron is continuing his FTO process. We have alternate duties for a couple of police officers. The background process has been completed for three candidates. Two will be going to the New Britain Police Academy at the end of April and one will begin the comparative compliance review in the middle of this month.

The Radio System has been moving smoothly with a recent request to the State of Connecticut for a possible bonding. He and the Deputy Chief Murphy attended the legislature the day before to secure the request for a future bonding. The Police Department is looking into replacing the old drones. There are additional restrictions on municipalities. The legislation is still in the works and the Police Department has a short window of opportunity to buy a new drone. The drone program will be moved into the Emergency so they could deploy it in the conjunction with the Fire Department. The Police Department could also call the Tolland-Dispatch to have the drone fly and operate. The current drone is seven or eight years old. The one purchased two years ago was hard crushed and replaced with the existing model and a tracker on it. It did not cost any money since the insurance covered it.

The station dog Lady arrived and attended the basketball game. She also participated in the recruitment process.

Robert Leach, Chair, stated that he was at the Veteran's Commission meeting. They have a program for Veterans and are curious about the source of getting a therapeutic/PTSD dog. They are interested in contacting this program.

Chief Carl: Lady was trained for Veteran's with PTSD but did not fit any veteran; therefore, she ended up with us. Officer Sanchez is the handler. He will provide the contact information for this program to Chairman Leach for Veteran's Commission.

Chief Carl continued with the report. He attended several community functions and Town meetings. He and Deputy Chief along with the other members of the Police Department begun the East Windsor Police Citizen's Academy. It will run for 8 weeks with 25 to 30 registered citizens. So far it has been very popular and successful. Deputy Chief and Detective Tessier have been working out and instructing High School students with weightlifting trainings. The Police Department also participated in and won the charity basketball game on March 22nd.

Robert Leach, Chair, is still looking for appropriations and request a line-item for salaries for the Police Department; specifically, the budget and expenditure line.

Chief Carl: The budget with on boarding for two and the other officer moving forward for step 3 would be \$121,000. We also have a transfer of \$75,000 for IT storage for RAD system. The system operates smoothly with the backup. The back can only last about a year; therefore, we were recommended to fix.

Next year, hopefully, we will not have inflated overtime expenses.

B) **Commission Members:**

Commissioner Filipone attended the East Windsor Citizens Police Academy. He is impressed by Lady, the new therapeutic dog.

Robert Leach, Chair asked about the hours of the East Windsor Citizens Police Academy meets.

Deputy Chief Murphy: 6pm to 8pm on Mondays for 25 to 30 people, 6 more weeks left (out of 8 weeks).

Chief Carl: 80 percent of our staff is involved on voluntary bases. It is eight weeks program.

Commissioner Filipone stated that individuals spoke highly about the department and how positively progressive it was for the community. It is important to account for these successes within the community.

Deputy Chief Murphy: The training rooms are also useful tools for improving our services for the community.

Announcement: The Scout Hall is groundbreaking on May 6th at 1pm.

**The Scouts own everything in that building and everything is in a good condition that can be reused.*

10. **PUBLIC INPUT** – Comments and Discussion (**3 minutes maximum time per subject**):

None.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to enter Executive Session at 7:35 pm to include Chief Matthew Carl and Deputy Chief Murphy for legal and security updates.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Filipone/R-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION made by Commissioner Menard to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Filipone/R-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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Respectfully submitted,
Sabohat Khalilova - EWPC Recording Secretary