

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: May 10, 2017

East Windsor Town Hall
11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT 06106

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Stremper. Commissioners Filipone, Leach, Hayes and Pippin were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Present in the audience were First Selectman Robert Maynard, Lieutenant Poliquin, and Sergeant Reimer.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 12, 2017, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to accept the regular meeting minutes of 04/12/2017.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Pippin

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the monthly billing as submitted, to include Animal Control, in the total amount of \$5,835.65.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to approve the monthly financial statements, through 5/5/17, including Animal Control.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone asked if there were any budget issues coming up. Deputy Chief Hart explained the variable overtime line is low, but reimbursements of approximately \$15,000 from the OUI grant, distracted driving grant and the expenditures for the recent plane crash should be coming in. They will request movement of funds from the officer line to the variable overtime line if necessary.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to approve the monthly billing as of 04/30/17 in the total amount of \$125.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 04/30/2017 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chief DeMarco stated the traffic gear is in place at Park Hill and the study should be finished this Friday. Results will be given at the next police commission meeting.

In regards to the Showcase Cinema traffic light, Deputy Chief Hart explained the state agreed with the LTA to keep the traffic light in place. The issue is that someone needs to pay the bill. They are still waiting to hear back from Wal-Mart to see if they will pay the bill; Chief DeMarco will contact them again before the Tuesday Board of Selectmen meeting. If Wal-Mart does not agree to pay, the Town of East Windsor needs to decide if they will. First Selectman Maynard will put this on the agenda at the Tuesday Board of Selectmen meeting and get a decision. The cost is \$11 up to \$15 per month for the cost of the light. If the light requires maintenance, the state will only pay up to \$500 and the rest of the cost will be assumed by whoever is paying for the light.

Commissioner Filipone questioned if the commission can direct Calamar to put in a sidewalk. Chief DeMarco explained Calamar has agreed to the DOT and LTA suggestion for a sidewalk. In addition, Calamar has submitted the plans and would like concurrence.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Sgt. Reimer explained he believes there is a pay issue with Officer Mitchell that is due to the language in the union contract in one particular paragraph. He believes the language used in

the contract should allow Officer Mitchell to count his one year of police service prior to coming to East Windsor in order to be paid at the next level of the pay scale. Chairman Tom Stremper questioned if officers prior to Officer Mitchell had this issue to understand past practice. Sgt. Reimer explained the other officers were paid at the years of service with East Windsor Police, not total years of police service, and had never brought up any issues with the contract language or pay scale levels. Sgt. Reimer proposes they pay Officer Mitchell on the next pay scale and count his one year of service prior to coming to East Windsor. He would then agree to change the language in the contract so in the future it would be clear that only years of service at East Windsor would count and not all years of police service regardless of where that police service occurred. If the police commission does not accept his proposal he will go through the union. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to enter executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss pay issue.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioner Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 8:04 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR SESSION entered back into at 8:05 pm.

The police commission determined they will not accept Sgt. Reimer's proposal.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to authorize Chief DeMarco to expend an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the purchase of traffic count and speed analysis equipment to be taken from the private duty fund.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to enter into Executive Session (8:11 pm) to include Chief DeMarco, Deputy Chief Hart, Lieutenant Poliquin, and First Selectman Maynard for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session (8:20pm)

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary