

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: October 11, 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 7:00 pm by Chairman Stremper. Commissioners Filipone, Leach, Hayes and Pippin were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the September 13, 2017, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the regular meeting minutes of 09/13/2017.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

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

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to accept the monthly billing, to include Animal Control, in the total amount of \$11,108.75.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements, as of October 6, 2017.

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 09/30/17 in the total amount of \$125.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone.

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 09/30/2017 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone.

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chief DeMarco stated he received a request from the First Congregational Church of East Windsor for a road closure on October 15, 2017, from 10:00am – 4:00pm for a chili cook-off and fall festival.

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to allow the First Congregational Church of East Windsor the road closure requested for October 15, 2017, from 10:00 am – 4:00pm, for the short section of Cemetery Road between Phelps Road and Scantic Road.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Chief DeMarco explained the Public Works Department requested a traffic study be done on Pease Road to determine any mitigating factors, such as volume/speed, that would impact the town paving the unpaved portion of the road .

Chief DeMarco followed up on a question from Commissioner Filipone from a previous meeting regarding the Rt. 140 curve. The road curve and signage is all proper and correct. There is nothing more that can be done for that area.

Deputy Chief Hart followed up on a question from Mr. Raymond Jones from a previous meeting regarding Harrington Road speed limit signs. He explained the road does have an approved speed of 35 mph which is registered with the State of CT. It has one 35 mph sign heading westbound at the bottom of the hill. Eastbound does not have any speed limit signs. Westbound, he is suggesting putting one more 35 mph speed limit sign past Bridle Path Street. Eastbound, he is suggesting putting a 35 mph speed limit sign at the beginning of Rice

Road and one more further down the road. He will put a request in to the Department of Public Works.

Chief DeMarco explained he was recently asked about traffic signs that were received some time ago (approximately 2-2 ½ years ago) and not put up at the school. He went on to clarify that although he was involved in getting these items through a grant, once the items were received and everyone was notified, it was out of his hands.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Filipone asked if there was any update on the casino. Chief DeMarco stated there was not.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial issues are impacting the operations of the police department. The lack of our ability to purchase cars that were allocated through the Capital Improvement process as well as half the purchase price of the NexGen software which was also allocated to us is creating problems. When we inquire about these items we are being told nothing. The vehicles are getting older/high mileage causing increased maintenance and more bills to fix them. In addition, our current software IMC, is breaking down consistently and their customer service is deplorable. NexGen was listed as the number one priority for the Capital Improvement Plan, yet we have not been told we can purchase; although, other departments have been spending out of the Capital Non-Recurring account. One example is the Assessor's office has spent \$16,871 for evaluation. In addition, last year's renovation funds haven't been carried over making it look like we have a negative balance even though we should have approximately \$8,200 in the account. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach that the police commission orders and directs the Chief of Police to purchase the NexGen system on a four year payment plan and to purchase two cruisers immediately, all as approved in the current CIP budget FY 2017/2018, due to safety concerns of cruisers and failing operating systems.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Pippin.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes

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 Leach to enter into Executive Session at 7:44 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart 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 recess Executive Session for five minutes at 7:45 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to reconvene Executive Session at 7:50 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 8:40pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

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 8:40 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary