

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: December 13, 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 Commissioner Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Hayes, Burns, and Long were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Present in the audience were First Selectman Robert Maynard, Mr. Bill Loos, Ms. Dale Nelson, Lieutenant Poliquin, Detective Sergeant Carl, Officer Cangemi, Officer Minihan, and Officer Sheehan.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to add the following:

Election of Officers.

Agenda #7 (A), New Business: Police Commission Budget Request.

Agenda #7 (B), New Business: Appoint Police Commission member to the pension board.

Agenda #11, Executive Session: Promotional Interviews for position of anticipated Sergeant vacancy and Corporal vacancy.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The floor was open for nomination of Chairman.

Chairman: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to nominate Commissioner Bob Leach to the position of Chairman. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

The floor was open for nomination of Vice Chairman.

Vice Chairman: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to nominate Commissioner Ed Filipone to the position of Vice Chairman. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Long. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

The floor was open for nomination of Secretary.

Secretary: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to nominate Commissioner Gil Hayes to the position of Secretary. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burns. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 8, 2017, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the regular meeting minutes of 11/08/2017.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

ABSTAINED: Commissioners Burns/Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Hayes

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the monthly billing, to include Animal Control, in the total amount of \$25,544.80.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach stated he has noticed the maintenance cost of the vehicles is getting high. Deputy Chief Hart explained it's for the maintenance on the higher mileage vehicles. He went on to give examples such as the \$861 for two catalytic converters and an oil change for a vehicle with almost 118,000 miles, front brakes for a car with 52,000 miles, and \$600 for two control arms for a vehicle with 97,000 miles. Commissioner Filipone asked if these vehicles will be replaced. Deputy Chief Hart stated they won't be replaced, but will be moved to the back of the fleet. Commissioner Hayes asked how many cars the Sullivan Tire charge was for. Deputy Chief Hart explained it was for the fleet.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing as of 11/30/17 in the total amount of \$125.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 10/31/2017 in the amount of \$975.00

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Filipone asked if it had ever been proposed to put either a left turn signal or left turn lane (or both) on Rt. 140 coming from Scitico, making a left turn onto Main Street in Broad Brook. He stated the traffic gets backed up very far and people try to squeeze around the cars trying to turn. Commissioner Hayes agreed it is difficult to turn there. Chief DeMarco stated they would look into this matter. Chief DeMarco said the traffic study for South Road related to speed put forth to them last month has been completed and submitted to the police commission. He would like the commission to review the study and give a recommendation at next month's meeting. Once the recommendation is given it will need to be sent to the state. Chairman Leach agreed to review and discuss at next meeting. Commissioner Long asked about the sign grant we got and if it was just for stop signs. Chief DeMarco stated it was also for speed signs and school signs. Some of the signs are more complex to install. Public Works is in charge of installing and will do so as they are able to.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Police Commission Budget Request

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to submit request for \$1600 for fiscal year 18/19 for Police Commission budget.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

B) Appoint Commission member to the Pension Board

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to nominate Elizabeth Burns to be on the Pension Board.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long
ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Filipone stated he hears a lot of compliments about our Facebook page. Chief DeMarco said Sgt. Leab and Lt. Poliquin are the individuals who run the page and are in the audience tonight. Sgt. Leab went on to say we have almost 10,000 followers and try to post things the community will respond to. Commissioner Filipone asked how often it gets updated. Sgt. Leab said he tries to update the page daily/every other day in the morning when his midnight shift ends to keep the page active

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

First Selectman Robert Maynard stated he was going to start to play a more active role in understanding the police department and would like some help to learn. Commissioner Filipone asked if he was the new liaison between the police commission and the Board and the First Selectman stated he was. First Selectman Maynard went on to explain he recently learned from Chief DeMarco that East Windsor has the 8th highest crime rate in the state. He understands statistics can be deceiving and those crime rates are based on per capita. He thinks it's important to understand what those crimes are and where/when they are occurring. He's noticed one major use of police resources is Walmart and that is why he is coming to the commission. He wants to know the percentage of time spent processing calls (including arrests and paperwork time) from Walmart. He'd like to approach Walmart on helping us and maybe compensating the town for the expense. He thinks other towns have actually sued Walmart for compensation in that regard. He really wants to understand some of the statistics in order to learn and appreciates any help he can get. Chairman Leach stated one of the easiest things to do is to study the call log to see where the officers are being called for service. Walmart on Black Friday is typical for more calls for service and he expects that will always be the case. First Selectman Maynard went on to say he believes we should be compensated for the extra service calls and not just for Walmart but if there are any other organizations that require numerous service calls (maybe Southern Auto Auction or Mill Pond as examples). Commissioner Leach stated he should study the call log and to please forward any requests he may have and they would be glad to try and help. Commissioner Hayes asked how to get the call log. Chief DeMarco explained it comes from the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records. First Selectman Maynard asked if a report is put together from this information. Chief DeMarco explained it is put together if a request is made through the Freedom of Information Act.

Dale Nelson of 51 Omelia Road welcomed the new members. She was a liaison for the Board of Education which is why she hadn't been at the meeting for the past couple years. She went on to commend the police department for their work on: social media, education, training, and going above and beyond this summer with traffic coordination on Rt. 5. She thanked the department for all their hard work and keeping everyone safe at night.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session at 7:27 pm to include Chief DeMarco, Deputy Chief Hart, and Lieutenant Poliquin for discussion on legal issues and three interviews for position of anticipated Sergeant vacancy and Corporal vacancy.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 8:25pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Chairman Leach. The East Windsor Police Commission voted to promote Officer Julia Minihan to the rank of Sergeant.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Chairman Leach. The East Windsor Police Commission voted to promote Officer Christopher Sheehan to the rank of Corporal.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary