

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

AMENDED

SPECIAL MEETING: January 13, 2016

East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Stremper. Commissioners Leach and Hayes were present. Commissioner Pippin arrived at 7:07pm. Also present were Chief of Police Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Selectwoman Dale Nelson (liaison – public safety), Detective Carl and Officer Leab were present in the audience.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda #7, New Business: Police Department Social Networking.

Agenda #7, New Business: Detective Division Major Case Management.

Agenda #7, New Business: Regional Task Force.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 30, 2015, special meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the special meeting minutes of 12/30/2015.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Stremper, Commissioners Leach/Hayes

EXCUSED: Commissioner Filipone

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

The minutes from the December 9, 2015, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the regular meeting minutes of 12/9/2015.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Stremper, Commissioner Leach/Hayes

EXCUSED: Commissioner Filipone

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 as submitted, including Animal Control, in the total amount of \$18,091.49.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to approve the monthly financial statements, including Animal Control, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Chief DeMarco explained the Professional Services Line is not accurately reflected as some transfers are in the process. It will be adjusted with the Town Treasure and reflected accurately next month.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to approve the monthly billing as of 12/31/2015 in the total amount of \$151.03.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 12/31/2015 for \$823.97 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Chief DeMarco explained the Crown Victoria, 2003 Expedition and 2006 Taurus should be turned over to the First Selectman.

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to authorize Chief DeMarco to turn control of vehicles over to the First Selectman.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

ARRIVAL: Peter Pippin arrived 7:07pm.

Officer Leab presented the East Windsor Police Department's (EWPd) social networking tools. Officer Leab is a Police Officer and Public Information Officer with the EWPd. He manages a variety of platforms for social media which include: Facebook, Twitter, myPD application, and the brick & click department webpage. The goals of Officer Leab and the EWPd are for social media to be both informative and interactive between the department and the community. Officer Leab went on to show some of the different applications and spoke of the analytics involved in tracking the successes and challenges of using social media. Currently we have a 90% response rate score and the average response time is 7 minutes. We have been very successful using social media as an additional communication tool for the department.

Detective Carl presented major case management in the Detective Division. The Detective Division at the EWPd investigates a multitude of major crimes which include robberies, homicides, sex assaults, criminal harassment, and missing persons. Investigations can often be a very lengthy process and involve coordinating efforts with multiple agencies. He also covered some of the investigative functions and responsibilities such as file coordination, search warrant coordination, interviewing, scene investigation, and forensic identification.

Chief DeMarco would like to have an East Windsor Police Officer on the Regional Narcotics Task Force. The department would need to dedicate one of our current veteran police officers to this task force so the town would need to commit to fund the budget for a new officer to fill the vacancy. The towns participating in this regional task force include Enfield, Windsor Locks, Suffield, and Windsor. The abuse of narcotics is a national epidemic involving East Windsor and surrounding communities; joining this task force is an opportunity to combat the issue proactively. Detective Carl added it's essential to work with other agencies committed to the same goal and have the ability to share resources. Specific knowledge and training in surveillance is needed in narcotic investigations. Also, items such as undercover cars, body wires, and drug "buy" money are necessary for successful investigations. Deputy Chief Hart explained it is a great opportunity to join this task force as narcotic investigations can be dangerous, labor intensive and involve a large number of people.

Chairman Stremper stated it would have to be an added appropriation.

MOTION made by Chairman Stremper to seek participation in the Regional Task Force forming in the area to include the funding.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Leach stated Deputy Chief Hart researched the complaint brought up at the December 9, 2015, police commission meeting regarding the response time to an accident. The outcome of the research was that the EWPD's response time to the accident was excellent and officers arrived within 4 minutes of the call. The 911 call first went to the state police and the state police then called the EWPD's hotline to report the accident.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

None.

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 (8:24pm) to include Chief DeMarco, Deputy Chief Hart, and Judith Tweedlie.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to end Executive Session at 8:54m.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to transfer \$6100 from the Private Duty Fund line to the Professional Services line.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes. No further discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

13. MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to enter into Executive Session (8:55pm) to discuss commissioner conduct. No action taken.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to adjourn the special meeting at 9:05pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes. No further discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary