

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING: February 10, 2016

East Windsor Police Department

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Stremper. Commissioners Leach and Pippin were present. Also present were Chief of Police Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. First Selectman Robert Maynard and Detective Carl were present in the audience.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 13, 2016, special meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to accept the regular meeting minutes of 01/13/2016.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Stremper, Commissioner Leach/Pippin

EXCUSED: Commissioner Filipone/Hayes

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 \$10,965.13.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Pippin

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.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to approve the monthly billing as of 1/31/2016 in the total amount of \$125.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/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 1/31/2016 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Chief asked for a motion made on January 13, 2016, under #7 New Business, be amended; details to be discussed in executive session.

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to strike the 2006 Taurus from being turned over to the First Selectman, under Item #7 New Business, in the meeting minutes as amended on January 13, 2016.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief DeMarco stated they would be going before the Board of Finance on February 17, 2016, at 7:30 pm and the Board of Selectmen on February 18, 2016, at 6:00 pm, to give a budget presentation.

Chairman Stremper congratulated Deputy Chief Hart on completing his Master's of Science Degree in Public Administration and noted that Officer Leab and Lieutenant Poliquin will also be receiving their Master's of Science Degree in Public Administration shortly.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

None.

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

First Selectman Robert Maynard inquired about the town needing new radios. Deputy Chief Hart explained a new radio system is very costly (over a million dollars) and that a better radio system would be beneficial to the town for public safety (police, fire, EMS). Deputy Chief Hart went on to explain how the radios work off a trunking system; the current radio system has a delay of a few seconds that a public safety system normally would not have. If there was a large catastrophe, the current system may not be able to handle all departments trying to simultaneously use the system. A newer system would allow for live and immediate use by all of public safety simultaneously. The current system could be kept and used by public works and the school system. Chief DeMarco suggested creating a committee that the police department could be a part of and researching this matter further. First Selectman Robert Maynard agreed this is an important matter and should be looked into. Deputy Chief stated he would start some research on the cost of the radios.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to enter into Executive Session (7:22 pm) to include Chief DeMarco, Deputy Chief Hart, and Detective Carl.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach. The East Windsor Police Commission is committed to focusing our resources on funding the vacant position created by the narcotics officer assignment up to and including obtaining a supplemental appropriation should the budget process fail to provide the necessary funds.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin. No further discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

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

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin. No further discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary