

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: December 14, 2016

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 Linda Collins and Kathleen Pippin.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 9, 2016, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the regular meeting minutes of 11/09/2016.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

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 Filipone to accept the monthly billing as submitted, including Animal Control, in the total amount of \$6,837.12.

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 December 9th, including Animal Control.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to approve the monthly billing as of 11/30/2016 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 11/30/2016 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 gave an update on the Park Hill study. They were able to get counts on cars, but not weight or speed of the vehicles because the device got damaged/ruptured. They will now need to get a pole mounted device to put up due to winter/snow. In addition, they need to research the signs and markings that have been put throughout the facility in the past 20 years. They will have an estimate done in February with a comprehensive report completed in the spring. Linda Collins stated she has noticed there has been a decrease in speeders since the increase in police patrol.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to accept 2017 Police Commission meeting dates.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone.

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Filipone wanted to share he went on a ride-a-long with Officer Mitchell and it was a great experience. He stated Officer Mitchell was very thorough and gave great explanations of what he did on the job; he was very impressed on how Officer Mitchell handled himself. Chairman Stremper added he believes going on a ride-a-long is an excellent opportunity for the Police Commissioners to have a better understanding of an officer's typical day in the field.

Chief DeMarco discussed the budget which includes contractual obligations. The part-time Clerical line has a 100% reduction because the position is moving to full-time due to an agreement between the town and the Clerical union. The increase in Training & Operations is due to the need to train and be prepared. Training is vital to deescalate, communicate and use less than lethal options to prevent large scale problems and lawsuits. It's also imperative to meet the current needs of public safety. Deputy Chief Hart added the training budget in the past was two times as much as it is today and over the years has slowly decreased to where it is today. In addition, training at POST used to be free and now there is a cost. A lengthy discussion ensued.

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

Kathleen Pippin wanted to thank Officer Ludemann and to say that he goes above and beyond his duties.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to enter into Executive Session (7:38 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 end Executive Session (8:40pm)

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 8:40 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