

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: March 8, 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 7:00pm by Chairman Stremper. Commissioners 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 January 11, 2017, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to accept the regular meeting minutes of 01/11/2017.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the monthly billing as submitted, in the total amount of \$11,171.17.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners 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 02/28/17 in the total amount of \$125.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners 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 02/28/2017 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chief DeMarco explained they are waiting until after April to get the gear for the Park Hill study that had been broken. They need to wait until after the snow is done so the gear does not get damaged again.

Chief DeMarco explained they were recently notified that Showcase Cinemas has not paid the monthly electrical bill (approximately \$11-15/month) for the traffic light that goes to Route 5 in the past two years. The CT Department of Transportation (DOT) wants to de-energize and remove the light. Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart met with the manager of Wal-Mart and Wal-Mart is working with their corporate office to pay the cost of the light for the next 6-8 months to keep the light running. Deputy Chief Hart stated he made calls to the DOT explaining we will not grant concurrence on the removal of the light because it would pose a public hazard and limit the ability for the fire department to respond to the area.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Hayes stated the traffic light area Chief DeMarco spoke about is hard for large trucks to turn into. If the concrete island is taken out and they re-structure the bottom area this road would be feasible for trucks to make deliveries.

Chairman Stremper stated he was driving past the middle school recently and noticed there was a student trying to cross the street and no cars were stopping for the child because there is no crosswalk there. Chief DeMarco explained they have met with the Treasurer and there is grant money available for signs and crosswalks and they have been waiting for signs to be installed at the middle school and several other locations for over a year now due to Public Works being strained with their workload. A discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to not file concurrence on the decommission of the traffic light.

SECONDED by Commissioner Leach.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief DeMarco explained the need for money to be transferred to the PD Overtime account from the following lines: officer salary, dispatcher salary, ACO part-time salary, clerical part-time salary, Longevity. A discussion ensued. Chief DeMarco went on to explain the need to transfer money from the private duty fund to the uniform line due to the cost of putting an officer into the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST). CREST requires specific tactical gear such as weapons, helmets, etc. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to transfer the following to the PD Overtime Account: \$10,000 from the Officer Salary account, \$10,000 from the Dispatcher Salary account, \$5,000 from the ACO Salary-PT account, \$5,000 from the Clerical PT account, \$5,000 from the Longevity account.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to transfer \$8,000 from the private duty fund and move it into the appropriate location.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

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 Hayes to enter into Executive Session (7:32 pm) to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart for discussion on legal issues.

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 (8:20pm)

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Pippin.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Leach/Hayes/Pippin

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary