

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: May 8, 2019

East Windsor Police Department
25 School Street, East Windsor, CT 06088

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Filipone. Commissioners Filipone, Hayes, Long, and Burns were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Present in the audience were Ms. Joan O'Rourke, Ms. Maria Rumore, Sgt. Derek Leab, Officer Nick Cangemi, and Animal Control Officer Kathy Kane-DiBacco. Chairman Leach arrived at 7:03

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to add Agenda #4E: Corporal promotion

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

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

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

(arrival of Chairman Leach 7:03)

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 10, 2019, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the regular meeting minutes of 04/10/2019.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

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

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing, in the amount of \$9,489.26.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Hayes said there's a high amount left in the ACO line. Chief DeMarco explained it's because we are short an Animal Control Officer. Commissioner Burns stated she saw the ad in the paper for the job opening.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to approve the monthly billing as of 04/30/19 in the total amount of \$125.00

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 04/30/2019 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

E) Corporal Promotion: MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes. The East Windsor Police Commission voted to promote Officer Nicolas Cangemi to the rank of Corporal.

DISCUSSION: The Commissioners congratulated Cpl. Cangemi. Cpl. Cangemi thanked them for the opportunity and is excited to get started.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Deputy Chief Hart completed the study for Wapping Road and Miller Road. He explained it would not be feasible to put dotted yellow lines down as an arch (suggested by resident Mr. William Thim) as Wapping Road is the straightaway. They cannot request a three way stop sign from the state because the crash data does not support it; there has only been two accidents in a four-year period and neither have been turn related. Deputy Chief Hart did suggest blacking out part of the double yellow line that extends too far out and painting the stop bar. He compared the area to pictures in the past and noticed the double yellow lines

didn't look this way previously. The current lines are confusing to drivers and he believes these two steps should alleviate the issues.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to request DPW to paint the stop bar on Wapping Road and to black out the double yellow line that extends too far.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Leach stated the Board of Selectmen (BOS) moved to enter into an agreement to join the Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter (TRACS) which is a regional animal shelter that serves the towns of South Windsor, Manchester, and East Hartford. He is concerned the BOS did not have factual data and that the cost formula is flawed with invalid data. The consortium agreement is a ten-year agreement and some items such as who feeds the animals is unwritten in the contract. Deputy Chief Hart stated its important to understand the true costs and savings of the agreement. Medical care of the animals would still be the town's obligation and fees paid to the state would still be required. Chief DeMarco explained our current facility is grandfathered in and if we close it and ever decide to re-open it, we would not be grandfathered in which could result in a large cost to the town. ACO Kane-DiBacco is concerned with the set-up of the cages at TRACS, quarantine issues, feeding issues, and location of the facility that could take her out of town. A discussion ensued. The Commissioners want to make an educated decision regarding the animal shelter, so they will be putting together factual data to present to the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting. They will be visiting both TRACS and our current facility, understanding the duties and responsibilities of the ACO, and what exactly the contract with TRACS covers and what items will be additional costs to the town such as medical care.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Leach stated the Board of Selectmen is having signs put up on Scantic Road and Woolam Road that read "Trucks are required not to use this road. Board of Selectmen. Police Take Notice". Chief DeMarco informed the Commissioners these signs are not enforceable. Deputy Chief Hart explained it's very difficult to get "No Thru Trucks" signs approved by the Office of the State Traffic Administration and it must meet certain guidelines.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief DeMarco stated the MMCT demolished the abandoned houses at the proposed site. He went on to say he learned about a special meeting that was being held tonight at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the East Windsor casino impact funds. He said these funds are imperative to providing adequate public safety for our community and a lot of research went into the impact a casino would have on our town's public safety. A discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Joan O'Rourke from 18 Pleasant Street wanted to come to the meeting to thank Officer Mitchell and Corporal Smith (she also posted on Facebook). She was locked out of her house, called police and they came out to help. She stated they exemplified community policing and went above and beyond to help her. She would appreciate it if the officers continued to give attention to the area of Pleasant Street and Grandview Terrace to ensure people stop at the stop sign; there are many children in the area and people often roll through or don't stop at all.

Ms. Maria Rumore is here to advocate for a residential lighting ordinance. People should be able to enjoy their property and have a way to remedy lighting issues if they become a nuisance with residential or commercial neighbors. There are ways to cut down on light pollution such as shielding to avoid glare, timing control, and placement of lights. Chief DeMarco suggested she look at towns that already have lighting ordinances in place in order to create a rough draft of the ordinance. Some Commission members suggested going through planning and zoning and others believed this could fall under the police commission purview.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to enter into Executive Session at 8:21 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to end Executive Session at 8:42 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary