

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: October 9, 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 7:02 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Hayes, and Long were present. Also present was Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. Present in the audience was Ms. Sarah Muska.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the September 11, 2019, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the regular meeting minutes of 09/11/2019.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

EXCUSED: Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing in the amount of \$19,033.98.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone asked what the charge for \$5,663.17 was for. Chief DeMarco explained it's for the Power DMS annual fee for the accreditation management software. Commissioner Filipone asked Chief DeMarco if he could put together a list of commonly used vendors. Chief DeMarco said they could put together a preferred vendor list for them.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing as of 09/30/19 in the total amount of \$125.00

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 09/30/2019 as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach discussed the future need to add \$100 for supplies for notebooks and name tags for the Commissioners. There was an oversight and it was not added into the budget.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chairman Leach discussed the traffic study that was completed for Depot Street and Emily Road. Commissioner Filipone concurs with the study and added that the signs that are not legally marked should be fixed; the Commissioners agreed. Chief DeMarco will also keep the area on the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and repair necessary signs. No action is required from the Commission. A discussion ensued.

Chief DeMarco passed out a letter to the Commissioners he received from the DCF Solnit Center. The letter asked for the police to send a request to the DOT to get school zone advisory signs (non-enforceable). The Commissioners agree to sending the letter. A discussion ensued.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Leach received an anonymous letter in the Town Hall mailbox with no return address on the envelope. An article about a former South Windsor Police Chief was in the envelope and a letter asking why the police department doesn't publish a daily log. Chief DeMarco explained they stopped the daily log when personal, private information was accidentally released which was very costly to the town. The law does not require daily logs to be published online and the risk of liability is too high. The police department follows the law and processes requests as they come in to the department. The department recently acquired a new computer software system and he will check to see if the system handles this type of request any differently and report back to the Commissioners.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Hayes stated there are people crossing the street at Broad Brook school and not using the cross-walks. It's very hard to see them, especially at night and they should really be using the cross-walks that are in place.

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

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to enter into Executive Session at 7:31 pm to include Chief DeMarco momentarily, then interview for Police Officer without Chief DeMarco.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to end Executive Session at 8:25 pm

SECONDED by Chairman Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Leach to make a conditional offer to hire Alexander Hacia for position of Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of background check and processing and with full knowledge of the risks associated with replacing an injured officer.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary