

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: June 10, 2009

East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Nelson. Commissioners Devanney, Sinsigallo, Sauerhoefer and Sherman were present as well as Chief of Police Edward DeMarco and Deputy Chief Roger Hart.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no added agenda items.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from May 13, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sinsigallo to accept the regular meeting minutes of 5/13/09, as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Devanney. No discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer/Devanney

ALL VOTING IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sinsigallo to accept the monthly billing, dated June 3, 2009 in the amount of \$ 9,163.46. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Devanney. No discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sinsigallo to accept the monthly financial statement, as presented (6/3/09). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Devanney. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sinsigallo to accept the monthly billing, dated May 31, 2009, in the amount of \$ 125.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Devanney. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sinsigallo to accept monthly financial statement, as presented (5/31/09). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Devanney. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

E) Animal Control – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sinsigallo to accept the monthly billing, dated June 3, 2009, in the amount of \$ 82.50. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Devanney. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

F) Animal Control – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sinsigallo to approve the monthly financial statement, as presented (6/4/09). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Devanney. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC INPUT #1 – Comments and Discussion (5 minute maximum per subject):

No public input at this time.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None at this time.

7. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

A) Speed postings – Sullivan Farm Road and Eastwood Drive:

Deputy Chief Hart reported that the DOT representative, who met with him regarding the previous Mahoney Road report, stated that he was very happy with the police department's report and its handling. The representative also commented that the way EW does the LTA is exactly how it should be, by law.

Deputy Chief Hart had a discussion with the DOT representative regarding the issue of applying for the establishment of initial speed limit postings for established roads in town. Deputy Chief Hart stated that the legal traffic authority is the police commission and that the police department would conduct a survey and give their recommendation to the police commission for a motion and vote. Upon approval of the recommended speed limit posting, the police department would present it, on a form, to the State Traffic Commission for final approval.

The DOT provided the police department with information on all streets in East Windsor and their current posted speeds. Deputy Chief Hart stated that the department will input this information into their database and any streets without posted speed limits will be addressed and presented to the police commission for a motion. (Traffic Authority numbers do not need to be assigned to each street addressed, only motions will be made on each).

Specifically in regards to Sullivan Farm Road and Eastwood Drive, Chief DeMarco made a request for posting an initial speed limit of 25 mph on each of those roads.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sinsigallo that Sullivan Farm Road and Eastwood Drive speed limit be posted at 25 mph. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Devanney. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

8. PUBLIC INPUT #2 – Comments only – NO DISCUSSION:

No public input at this time

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Chief DeMarco notified the commission of a new release of federal grant money (approximately \$4.5 million) to the state. The town of East Windsor has been allocated \$30,000 of that if EW accepts the program and its parameters. Chief DeMarco did comment that the program does involve heavy administration/management of it. Also, the goal of this would be focused on traffic.

Deputy Chief Hart described the program further, following a training course he and the Chief attended: a purchase of equipment would be the best way to utilize the money from this grant, as the government is not looking to have the monies “linger”.

Deputy Chief Hart presented a plan to purchase an unmarked car to address the traffic issues in town and to alleviate some of the ongoing issues with the police cars. Deputy Chief Hart stated that this vehicle would be used for DUI enforcement and speed enforcement purposes. The car would be equipped with a camera, radar and computer.

Chief DeMarco reminded the commission that this is a non-matching grant – it is federal government money awarded to the town for this equipment that East Windsor could not otherwise afford to purchase.

Commissioner Sherman questioned if this vehicle would be similar to the current DUI car the town has. Chief DeMarco responded that it would be a little different and it would be an additional resource. Chief DeMarco added that the department wants to make a purchase that will be valuable to the town (in regards to traffic issues).

Commissioner Sinsigallo asked if any reports would need to be supplied to the government following receipt of the grant/equipment purchase. Chief DeMarco responded that no follow-up paperwork is required as the government would be “out” following completion of the grant award.

Brief discussion followed with the Deputy Chief reminding the commissioners that there are federal government parameters that have been developed for this grant. Chief DeMarco reiterated that this grant is leaning more towards equipment purchases and that renovations are highly discouraged for use from the grant money.

Commissioner Sinsigallo commented that the Board of Finance will need to clearly understand where this money is coming from and the parameters involved. Chief DeMarco commented that this purchase would have nothing to do with a routine cruiser purchase and nothing to do with the normal budgeting process. Chief DeMarco stated that the information and details would clearly be communicated to the BOS and BOF. He also reminded the commission that if the grant money is not used, it will go to another town.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sinsigallo to apply for the \$30,000 grant as described by the Chief and Deputy Chief. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherman. No further discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Sinsigallo to go into Executive Session (7:21pm) for Legal Update to include the Chief and Deputy Chief. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Devanney.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Executive session closed at 7:48pm.

No action taken.

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

Enclosed in the commissioner's packets were the following:

1. Letter from Jack Mannette – proper procedure was not followed in submitting this letter to the Police Commission, therefore, letter is not recognized.
2. Article of interest from Rockville Reminder regarding scams.
3. Letters from resident Joel Parkyn dated: 1/5/09, 3/11/09, 4/14/09
4. Letter from State of CT DOT dated 5/4/09 regarding Permit #046-03-09.
5. Letter from State of CT DOT dated 5/21/09 regarding T.I.R. #046-0812-02.

12. MONTHLY REPORTS:

A) Chief of Police – Submitted written report to commission.

- Regarding item #1: official date established is 6/29/09

- Regarding item #4: the building camera system, which was struck by lightening back in the Fall, has an estimated repair cost of \$1500.00. The police department may have the funds available to do the repair. Chief DeMarco stated that he feels the current budget could handle it.

- Regarding item #6: Chief and Deputy Chief commented that the numbers on the budget will be close, but should work. It was communicated to the commission that grant money ("Click It or Ticket", "2009 DUI Comprehensive Grant Program") continues to trickle in. Letter mentions that money is continuing to come in but may not be in by July 1, but will cover it.

- Letter (5/27/09) sent from Chief DeMarco to resident, Joel Parkyn regarding Kreyssig Road limitations.

- Letter (5/20/09) received from First Selectman Denise Menard regarding Selectman Ed Farrell's funeral.

B) Commission Members - None at this time.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sinsigallo made a **MOTION** to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:57pm. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherman.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Devanney/Sinsigallo/Sherman/Sauerhoefer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pellegrini

EWPC Recording Secretary