

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION**REGULAR MEETING: April 13, 2011****East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Linda Sinsigallo. Commissioners Stremper, Nelson and Sherman were present as well as Chief of Police Edward DeMarco and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Commissioner Sauerhoefer arrived at 7:10pm as he was attending another town meeting earlier. Also in attendance were Maria Root – PD Administrative Assistant, Acting Lieutenant Stephen Andrusko, former town Selectman Dale Nelson and former town Selectman Ed Filipone. Public Attendance also included Craig and Chris Wentworth.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the March 9, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sherman to accept the regular meeting minutes of 3/9/11 as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper. No further discussion.

ABSTAIN FROM VOTING: Nelson (absent 3/9/11 meeting)

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Stremper

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTED IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Nelson to accept the monthly billing as of 4/7/11, including animal control, in the total amount of \$ 12,092.25. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper. No discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Nelson/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Nelson to accept the monthly financial statements, as of 4/7/11, as submitted. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sherman/Nelson/Stremper.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Nelson to approve the monthly billing as of 3/31/11 in the total amount of \$ 125.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sherman/Nelson/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Nelson to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 3/31/11, as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sherman/Nelson/Stremper

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thank you note from Chief DeMarco and family was read by Chairman Sinsigallo.
2. Information on Grievance 11-01 will be discussed in Executive Session
3. Communication from student Nick Parker regarding course map for 5K Road Race to benefit the American Red Cross (for Memorial Day).

Chief DeMarco commented on the road course submitted by Nick Parker. He stated that he can not recommend authorization for the route. The proposed route includes some state roads and road closures. The Chief has met with Nick Parker to discuss the route and the impact it has on the town. Acting Lt. Andrusko has been working with Nick Parker to adjust the route to be more suitable to better meet the needs of the town with regards to traffic and road closures. It is close to being approved.

Commissioner Sherman questioned why the certified 5K route that the Veteran's Road Race uses isn't being used for this race. Chief DeMarco believes that the student may not want to duplicate that route or take anything away from what the Veterans do, but would rather stand on their own with their own route in place.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Prior to Monthly Reports, Chairman Sinsigallo requested a slide show presentation from Deputy Chief Hart's training and experience at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Chief DeMarco prefaced the presentation by informing the commission and audience that this is an executive level management program that is extremely difficult and competitive to get into. Less than .5% of law officers in the world get to attend this training program. The program focuses on management, labor laws,

budgeting and other important issues. There was a waiting list for Deputy Chief Hart to attend of about 6.5 years. Chief DeMarco stated that he completed an excellent course of training and did a great job – the department is very proud.

Deputy Chief Hart began by thanking the Police Commission for allowing him to go to the training – truly a highlight of his career. Deputy Chief Hart presented an overview of the Academy and explained that it is on a Marine Corp. base. His class of 257 law officers represented 20 countries. Deputy Chief Hart commented that the academy is very competitive. He added that the classrooms provided state of the art technology. Participants spent 40 hours each week in class as well as an intense physical training program. Deputy Chief Hart commented that he had the opportunity to attend a forensics course for managers and was able to go into the FBI Firearms Index Lab of which houses one of every firearm ever made. Slide show presentation continued.

A) Chief of Police –

Chief DeMarco submitted reports to all commissioners. He added that the personnel issue (HIPPA) will be covered in Executive Session.

Chief DeMarco also commented that the department may need to do line adjustments within the budget, but will update the commission next month. Otherwise, he states, the department is doing well.

B) Commission Members:

Commissioner Nelson announced he will be running for re-election for his position on the Police Commission.

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

Dale Nelson (Omelia Road, Broad Brook) reminded the commission that the East Windsor Rotary will be holding its “Citizen of the Year Dinner” on Thursday April 21st at 6:30pm at LaNotte Restaurant. Police Commissioner Richard Sherman is a recipient of the award. Tickets are still available.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Nelson to go into Executive Session for Grievance 11-01 to include Chief DeMarco, Deputy Chief Hart and Acting Lieutenant Stephen Andrusko (7:41pm). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Sauerhoefer/Stremper/Nelson

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session ended at 8:57pm.

MOTION made by Commissioner Nelson to deny Grievance 11-01, based on the information provided by DC Hart. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherman.

Noted that Union President Sgt. Reimer and complainant Officer Everett did not appear. Both were notified of grievance hearing by Commissioner Sinsigallo.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Sauerhoefer/Stremper/Nelson

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sherman to begin the testing process for fill the full time position of Lieutenant. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Nelson.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sherman/Sauerhoefer/Strempfer/Nelson

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Nelson made a **MOTION** to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:59pm. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherman.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Sherman/Sauerhoefer/Strempfer/Nelson

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pellegrini - EWPC Recording Secretary