

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: July 11, 2012

East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Nelson. Commissioners Filipone, Mancuso, Sauerhoefer and Stremper were present as well as Chief of Police Edward DeMarco

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the June 13, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sauerhoefer to accept the regular meeting minutes of 6/13/12. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone. No discussion.

ABSTAIN FROM VOTING: Nelson (absent 6/13/12)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Mancuso/Stremper/Filipone/Sauerhoefer

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

The minutes from the June 27, 2012 special meeting were reviewed by all commission members. Commissioner Mancuso brought to the commission's attention a correction to the minutes within the motion. The motion should read "Motion *passed* by unanimous vote." **MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to accept the special meeting minutes of 6/27/12, with the above mentioned correction. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone. No discussion.

ABSTAIN FROM VOTING: Nelson (absent 6/27/12)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Mancuso/Stremper/Filipone/Sauerhoefer

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sauerhoefer to accept the monthly billing as of 7/6/12, including animal control, in a total amount of \$ 9,373.21. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso. No discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Sauerhoefer/Mancuso/Stremper/Filipone

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sauerhoefer to approve the monthly financial statement dated 7/6/12, as submitted. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso.

Discussion: Commissioner Filipone asked about the (approximate) \$73,000 balance. Chief DeMarco responded that there will be some adjustments still, but the department will be turning money back. No further discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sauerhoefer/Mancuso/Filipone/Strempfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sauerhoefer to approve the monthly billing as of 6/30/12 in the total amount of \$ 125.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sauerhoefer/Mancuso/Filipone/Strempfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sauerhoefer to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 6/30/12, as submitted. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sauerhoefer/Mancuso/Filipone/Strempfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

A) 2011-01 (Tromley Road): Chief DeMarco provided the commission with a STEP update. A three step process has been initiated in that area, with a strong emphasis on speed enforcement. Step 1 resulted in 13 citations, 13 warnings and 2 summons for arrests. The time taken for this step exceeded 20 hours. Step 2 involved spending high visibility time in the area. Step 3 involved utilizing the radar enforcement board. The information provided from the board gives the low/medium/high speeds with average results. Results showed that there is not excessive speed in that area – not any more than other areas.

Chief DeMarco recommended cycling this area on the STEP program and re-target it as necessary during peak hours. Chief will send a letter to the resident stating findings and recommendations. Chief recommends removing 2011-01 from the agenda.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to have Chief DeMarco cycle this area on the STEP program as necessary, to send a letter to the resident and to further remove 2011-01 from the Police Commission agenda. **SECOND** by Commissioner Strempfer. No further discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sauerhoefer/Mancuso/Filipone/Strempfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

A) Chief of Police: Chief states that, due to increased work levels, he does not have a report to submit this month. There is one labor matter to discuss in Executive Session.

Chief DeMarco took a moment to talk about a meeting he attended on 7/10/12 in Windsor Locks. The Windsor Locks Police Department invited Chief DeMarco to their meeting to speak to their department about policy development for officers, including evaluations and development guides. Chief DeMarco and Chairman Nelson attended the meeting to present East Windsor's program to members of their First Selectman, the police department (Acting Chief, Human Resources, Police Commission Chair, Union Lawyer, Union President, Representative, Sergeants). Chief also reminded the EW Police Commission that the EW Police Department has won awards for its development guide – recognized for 71% reduction in labor actions, liability & insurance claims.

Chief stated that the meeting was very productive - it was good information sharing and a good way to provide assistance to a neighboring department. Chief and Chairman Nelson received a written notice from WL that they enjoyed the professional presentation and the assistance that was provided to them. Very good opportunity to share with another police department on East Windsor's successes.

B) Commissioners: Commissioner Nelson took a moment to further talk about the meeting he attended with Chief DeMarco on 7/10/12. He stated that the Chief did a great presentation and that the audience was visually impressed. The information presented was very organized and very impressive. He took a few moments to touch upon the topics that the Chief addressed. In conclusion, Chairman Nelson commented that "we take for granted what a great management team and department we have assembled...There is a reason we are successful". Chairman Nelson stated that he was very glad he attended.

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

Dale Nelson (51 Omelia Rd, Broad Brook) expressed concern over the amount of traffic and the traffic tie-ups around 5:00/5:30pm on Route 5 in the vicinity of Dunkin Donuts (Thompson Rd). Questions whether it the timing at the light at South Water St. is off. She states that a local businessman in town and another resident brought it to her attention.

Commissioner Sauerhoefer commented that he agrees with the traffic issues in that area and has experienced it himself. Chief DeMarco responded that the area has been studied. It is a state road and the light timing has been adjusted. He added that accidents on the highway, where traffic is diverted off the highway, adds to the congestion. Chief stated that he can submit another letter/request to the DOT that due to complaints in the area we are requesting another study. He added that with the construction beginning soon in that area (where Walmart will be), changes will be made as a result of a new study.

Chief added that he is aware of who spoke to Selectman Nelson and that he will inform the person of the new study that will be done soon as a result of the construction starting.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Sauerhoefer to go into Executive Session for Legal Update, Personnel/HIPPA matters and Candidate Interviews, to include Chief DeMarco (7:20pm). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sauerhoefer/Mancuso/Filipone/Strempfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mancuso to exit Executive Session at 9:05pm. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sauerhoefer/Mancuso/Filipone/Strempfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mancuso to authorize the Chief of Police to offer a conditional offer of employment as a Police Officer to the four candidates as per their ranking after successful completion of the background and entire testing, the budget and other state statutes. Furthermore, if a candidate fails, the Chief of Police is authorized to continue in accordance with the ranking. Ranking is as follows:

- 1) Christopher Lanski
- 2) David Szabo
- 3) Daniel Waskiewicz
- 4) Alexei (Alex) Khoudyakov

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone. No further discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Sauerhoefer/Mancuso/Filipone/Strempfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Mancuso to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:09pm. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Sauerhoefer/Mancuso/Filipone/Strempfer

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pellegrini - EWPC Recording Secretary