

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING: November 13, 2013
East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chairman Sauerhoefer. Commissioners Stremper, Filipone and Mancuso were present as well as Chief of Police Edward DeMarco, Jr. and Deputy Chief of Police Roger Hart. Commissioner Eckel arrived at 7:15pm. Present in the audience were newly elected Police Commissioners Darren Long and Bob Leach, as well as former BOF member, Kathy Pippin.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Filipone requested a discussion of the fatal accident on Route 140 from earlier this week, during (8) Communications.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 9, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the regular meeting minutes of 10/9/13. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Mancuso/Stremper/Filipone

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to accept the monthly billing, including Animal Control, in the amount of \$20,450.12. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone.

Discussion: Commissioner Filipone inquired about the expenses for vehicles this past month, specifically invoice #s 9564 and 9543. Chief DeMarco explained that one of the older vehicles, with approximately 120+miles on it, needed new struts and the department is trying to get more miles out of it. Also, an additional vehicle needed new rotors, brakes and an oil change.

No further discussion.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Stremper/Mancuso/Filipone

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Stempfer/Mancuso/Filipone

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing as of 10/31/13 in the total amount of \$ 125.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Stempfer/Mancuso/Filipone

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 10/31/13, as submitted. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso. No discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Stempfer/Filipone/Mancuso

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Filipone asked if the bathroom/locker room renovation has been completed at the Police Department. Chief DeMarco replied that it is complete.

Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart provided an update on the camera/recording system that has been installed throughout the department. They report that they are very happy with the product and the service they have received with the installation. There are still a few glitches that are being worked out. All cameras are recording digitally and back up to the department's server. Additionally DC Hart mentioned that all supervisors will have access to the cameras and the system will have windows authentication which will be good for tracking.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

A) TA#2013-01 (Spring/Dean Streets) has been closed. Chairman Sauerhoefer added that the signs are still on order.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Confirm/Approve 2014 Regular Meeting Schedule: Commission agreed to move this item to next month's agenda.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Filipone expressed concern over the fact that Police Commissioners were not informed of the fatality and road closure as a result of a motor vehicle accident on Route 140 earlier in the week. Chief DeMarco stated that he notified both the First Selectman and Chairman Sauerhoefer. Chairman Sauerhoefer stated that he neglected to inform the other commissioners via email, as he had intended to do so, but was experiencing technical difficulty with his email at the time. Chief DeMarco explained that whenever there is a fatality or suspicious death, he (or Deputy Chief Hart) send out notification, via email, as soon as possible to the First Selectman and Chairman of the Police Commission.

Brief discussion followed, prompted by Commissioner Stremper, on the assistance received from outside agencies in certain situations.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

A) Chief of Police: Commissioners received packet. Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart informed the commission that the private duty fund, that was previously authorized to buy AEDs and MDTs, is still in the process of being used. Any remaining money that has been authorized will go towards the two new vehicles, which will eventually bring the line down to \$-0-. Any further needs will be addressed at a later date.

Commissioner Filipone questioned why the department is purchasing SUVs. DC Hart responded that the 2012 Ford Interceptor sedan was tighter than expected so therefore they are moving to the Ford Police Interceptor SUV. The SUV has the same motor and chassis. Everything is interchangeable and DC Hart states that the pricing was very close, although price increases have occurred since the quoted price. Benefits of the SUV are AWD and increased storage. Additionally, DC Hart states that some equipment may need to be paid for by the vehicle maintenance account.

B) Commission Members: Chairman Sauerhoefer presented a framed case holding badges from Police Commissioners, to be hung in the Police Department. The case will hold badges and plaques with the commissioners' names would be placed in the case as well. Chairman Sauerhoefer invited any commissioners who would like to display their badge in the case to do so, however, it is voluntary.

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

None

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart (7:24 pm). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Stremper/Mancuso/Filipone/Eckel

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Stremper to end Executive Session (7:49 pm). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone.

VOTE IN FAVOR: Stremper/Mancuso/Filipone/Eckel

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

No action taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Chairman Sauerhoefer to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Stremper.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Stremper/Mancuso/Filipone/Eckel

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pellegrini - EWPC Recording Secretary