

# ***EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION***

***REGULAR MEETING: March 12, 2014***

***East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room***

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## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman Stremper. Commissioners Filipone, Leach and Long were present. Commissioner Mancuso was absent (excused). Also present were Chief of Police Edward DeMarco, Jr. and Deputy Chief of Police Roger Hart.

## **2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:**

A) **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to add the discussion of added appropriation for SRO under 7. *New Business*. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Long. No discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Filipone/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes from the February 12, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to accept the regular meeting minutes of 2/12/14. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone. No discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Filipone/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

The minutes from the March 4, 2014 special meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to accept the special meeting minutes of 3/4/14. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Long. No discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Filipone/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:**

A) **Police Department – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the monthly billing dated 3/7/14, including Animal Control, in the total amount of \$7,107.34. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Long. No discussion.

**VOTE IN FAVOR:** Filipone/Leach/Long

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

- B) **Police Department – Financial Statement:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statement dated 3/7/14, as submitted. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Filipone commented that there appears to be about 30-34% for the rest of the year and commended the Chief and Deputy Chief for their good work with budgeting.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Filipone/Leach/Long

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

- C) **Police Commission – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing as of 2/28/14 in the total amount of \$ 125.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Long. No discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Filipone/Leach/Long

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

- D) **Police Commission – Financial Statement:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 2/28/14, as submitted. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach. No discussion.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Filipone/Leach/Long

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

## 6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Filipone asked if anyone from the Police Department had a chance to look at the (lack of) lighting issue at the crosswalk connecting the elementary school and its parking lot. Chief DeMarco replied that they did and is not sure that anything could be done at this point. There have been no accidents or incidents reported in that area to date.

Chief DeMarco updated the commission regarding the (approx.) 20 foot crack in the Police Department's parking lot – which comes off the drain. Public Works has been notified and they are checking to see what the paver's responsibility is. The area was paved only two years ago.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) SRO– Added Appropriations:

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach for the East Windsor Police Commission to support the Chief of Police, who submitted an added appropriation request on March 5, 2014, in the amount of \$30,769.78, which will allow the Police Department to take all of the required actions to test, hire,

equip and train an additional police officer for the East Windsor Police Department for the purpose of providing a School Resource Officer (SRO) program in the Town of East Windsor School system. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach.

**Discussion:** Chief DeMarco explained that this added appropriation is for 100% of the SRO up to July. When the new school budget starts (7/1/14), the school will cover 50% of the SRO cost for the next budget year and the police department will cover the other 50%.

Commissioner Filipone asked about the status of the police officer if ever the SRO goes away. Chief responded that he would advocate to carry the position, but the officer would be used in other ways.

Discussion followed regarding other current positions that are open, specifically a detective position. Chief added that after 7/1/14 there will most likely be an officer promotion to detective, once the new officers complete their training.

**ABSTAIN FROM VOTING:** Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Leach/Long

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

## **9. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

A) Chief of Police: Commissioners received packet. Commissioner Filipone inquired about the community meeting at the high school. Chief DeMarco responded that the program was excellent. He took some time to explain how the program was ran, the participants and the discussions that took place. He added that it was well attended by both the public and town officials – well over 100 people. Following the presentation, the meeting broke up into “phases” at which time parents provided the Chief with good feedback including comments from parents wanting an SRO. There were pamphlets and other information distributed of which he requested a full packet. Commissioner Filipone inquired about any follow-up meeting. Chief DeMarco responded that he believes, in a few weeks, that there may be another meeting with other departments attending (i.e. DCF). In conclusion, Chief DeMarco commented that the department is working well with the school with regards to security and the new SRO position.

B) Commission Members: None

## **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 (7:19pm) to include Chief Edward DeMarco and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Long.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Filipone/Leach/Long

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

No action taken.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:43pm.  
**SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach. No further discussion.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Filipone/Leach/Long

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Christine Pellegrini - EWPC Recording Secretary**