

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: August 12, 2015

East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Stremper. Commissioners Filipone, Mancuso, Leach, and Long were present. Also present was Chief of Police Edward DeMarco, Jr. Selectwoman Dale Nelson (liaison – public safety), Kathleen Pippin, and Selectman Jim Richards were present in the audience.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the July 8, 2015, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to accept the regular meeting minutes of 07/08/2015.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Filipone/Mancuso/Leach/Long

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 for end of fiscal year 2014-2015, including Animal Control, in the total amount of \$2,831.43 and to accept the monthly billing for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, including Animal Control, in the total amount of \$13,269.04.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone questioned the bill for Capital Region Chiefs. Chief DeMarco explained this is for our entry into the computerized data collection and dues. Commissioners Filipone, Mancuso, and Long questioned the bill for Business Electronics. Chief DeMarco explained it's a one-time fee for the start of the fiscal year and includes leases for our copiers and fax machines.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Filipone/Mancuso/Leach/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, including Animal

Control, as submitted, and to approve the monthly financial statements for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, including Animal Control, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Mancuso stated Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart did a great job with the tight budget they had to work with for the fiscal year 2014-2015; the department gave back \$68,308.98 to the town.

SECONDED by Commissioner Mancuso.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Filipone/Mancuso/Leach/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Mancuso to approve the monthly billing as of 7/31/2015 in the total amount of \$125.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Filipone/Mancuso/Leach/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Mancuso to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 7/31/2015 for \$100.00 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone. No discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Filipone/Mancuso/Leach/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Leach questioned the policy on deterring coyotes as there was an inquiry on Facebook. Chief DeMarco will research the law and regulations regarding wildlife and firearms.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Filipone asked if the police department ordered three cars. Chief DeMarco stated we have ordered the three vehicles. Commissioner Filipone asked if the water stain on the carpet has been fixed. Chief DeMarco explained the stain is located on the main walkway in front of the patrol room and we are working with the cleaning company to fix the problem. Commissioner Leach asked if the cleaners have had background checks done. Chief DeMarco explained that the cleaning person has had his background check completed.

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

Selectman Jim Richards has been impressed with how Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart handle the police department budget and supports the public safety efforts in our community. Commissioner Filipone questioned why the police department has to give money back at the end of the year when it can be used for other essential purposes; he stated if it has been budgeted into the police department/police commission it should be kept in the police department. Ms. Nelson clarified the money has to be spent in the same fiscal year or it must go back to the town. Ms. Nelson asked if the police department is at full staff. Chief DeMarco explained the two new hires start the academy in October. Chairman Stremper added that Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart provide a great level of service to the community on a tight budget. Commissioner Mancuso added he agrees they stay on top of an extremely tight budget and work hard to provide a high level of service to the community. Chief DeMarco added the town demands a high level of service and it's up to the community to vote for a higher budget if they want additional services such as canine services. Our largest complaint from the community is traffic related. We do not have a separate traffic division or separate narcotics division due to financial constraints. We provide public safety for what the community dictates and are very successful at doing so. Chairman Stremper stated its time for the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance to look at the budget and support the financial needs of public safety; they may have to make difficult decisions, but public safety is extremely important to our community.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Mancuso to enter into Executive Session (7:35pm) to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Filipone/Mancuso/Leach/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to end Executive Session at 8:05pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Mancuso

VOTED IN FAVOR: Filipone/Mancuso/Leach/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to adjourn the special meeting at 8:06pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Mancuso. No further discussion.

VOTED IN FAVOR: Filipone/Mancuso/Leach/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary