

# EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: December 9, 2015

East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

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## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

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

## 2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda #7, New Business: Election of police commission officers.

## 3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 11, 2015, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to accept the regular meeting minutes of 11/11/2015 as amended to reflect correct language for amounts.

**DISCUSSION:** Chief DeMarco corrected the language on the building and computer projects to read, “Chief DeMarco explained the cost is approximately \$10,000 for the computers and approximately \$35,000 for the building project and the total amount would be collective of the two.” Chairman Stremper welcomed the new commission members.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Stremper. No discussion.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Chairman Stremper, Commissioner Leach

**ABSTAINED** by Commissioners Filipone/ Hayes/ Pippin

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

**A) Police Department – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the monthly billing as submitted, including Animal Control, in the total amount of \$10,481.24.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Filipone questioned the bill for Bosco’s. Deputy Chief explained it was for the Crown Victoria that needed ball joints, upper and lower right axles, sway bar, links and bushings, rotors and pads. Commissioner Filipone asked about the status on the new cars. Chief DeMarco explained we have the new vehicles in and are installing the lights, radios, dash cameras, etc. Deputy Chief added once the new cars are on the front line they will be running all wheel drive cars (Taurus and Explorers) except one Crown Victoria that the School Resource Officer uses daily. The other Crown Victoria models will be used on the back line to be used when other cars break down and for private duty jobs. Crown Victoria models are no longer made and the light bars, seats, etc., do not fit other vehicles.

Commissioner Hayes asked what we do with old equipment. Chief DeMarco explained we either trade-in or reuse if possible and if not the gear gets destroyed. Commissioner Leach asked how many miles are on the Crown Victoria that was at Bosco's. Deputy Chief Hart explained it has 103,000 miles. The patrol cars also have hours on the car for when it's running for radar, etc.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioner Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements, including Animal Control, as submitted.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Filipone commented the budget is at 58.49% which is pennies of where we should be. Chief DeMarco explained this will be covered in the monthly report.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Hayes.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to approve the monthly billing as of 11/30/2015 in the total amount of \$125.00.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone. No discussion.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 11/30/2015 for \$975.00 as submitted.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach. No discussion.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

Chief DeMarco announced the speed signs on Thompson Road and Craftsman Road have been installed.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to elect the Police Commission Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Hayes.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Stremper opened up the floor for nominations.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to nominate Tom Stremper for Chairman.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Hayes.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes for nominations to be closed for position of Chairman.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach.

Original motion to nominate Tom Stremper for Chairman was approved.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to nominate Ed Filipone for Vice-Chairman.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Hayes.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes for nominations to be closed for position of Vice-Chairman.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach.

Original motion to nominate Ed Filipone for Vice-Chairman was approved.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to nominate Bob Leach for Secretary.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Hayes.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes for nominations to be closed for position of Secretary.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach.

Original motion to nominate Bob Leach for Secretary was approved.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chairman Stremper asked permission from the commission to publicly thank the police department for their services through the holidays on social media. The commissioners were in agreement.

Commissioner Leach had a complaint regarding the time it took officers to respond to an accident, but he did not have specific details when or where. Chief DeMarco responded that they are not aware of any incidents such as this and would be more than willing to look into it if he can get more details. In addition, the fire department and ambulance would have contacted the police department if they weren't at the scene. Deputy Chief Hart asked anyone to please call immediately if they have any complaints/concerns so they can look into the matter.

## **9. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Chief DeMarco discussed the new budget. There are no new positions or programs in the new budget but it does include contractual obligations and we attribute 2% to all others. A lengthy line by line discussion of the proposed budget was discussed and reviewed by all commission members.

Commissioner Filipone asked if they have any CIP requests yet. Chief DeMarco stated we have not yet, but we have camera needs at the police department as some are very old and analog. Deputy Chief Hart stated the budget proposal needed to be submitted by December 31, 2015, and would not be higher than 5.9%.

Chief DeMarco will write a letter to the Board of Finance for added appropriations. We have expenses such as: two new-hires in the academy so they're not counting towards shift minimum so overtime is occurring, a sergeant retired so we are incurring more overtime, new purchasing of uniforms, and the testing for promotions which will occur in February. Our worst case scenario is roughly 3.48% of our budget deficit. Chief DeMarco requested the police commissioners attend the future budget meetings.

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

Ms. Pippin of 37 Woolam Road stated the police department should give awards to the officers for their service. She has not been aware of any awards in the past 3-4 years since Officer Ludemann was recognized and when she did attend, there was limited public participation. Chief DeMarco explained there are yearly awards given to the officers and every other year there is a formalized award program. This year the award ceremony will occur in May during police week. Deputy Chief Hart added the last ceremony was held at Scout Hall.

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session (8:14pm) to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Hayes.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to end Executive Session at 8:50m.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to adjourn the special meeting at 8:51pm.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone. No further discussion.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Leach/Hayes/Pippin

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary**