

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: September 12, 2018

**East Windsor Police Department
25 School Street, East Windsor, CT 06088**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Burns, and Long were present. Also present was Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. Present in the audience were Detective Sergeant Matt Carl and Sergeant Jeff Reimer.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Chairman Long to add Agenda #7, New Business: CIP Projects.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the August 8, 2018, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the regular meeting minutes of 08/08/2018.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

EXCUSED: Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing, for the September 7th billing statement, in the amount of \$22,489.17 (includes \$80.98 for Animal Control).

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Burns asked what the Westfield State University charge of \$4050.00 was for. Chief DeMarco explained it was for Officer Briody and the education budget is pooled for everyone. Commissioner Burns asked what the Hilton Hotel charge was for. Chief DeMarco explained Officer Sheehan is in the training program for drug recognition expert. Everything is reimbursable by the state up to \$4,768. Commissioner Filipone asked about the vehicle maintenance charges. Chief DeMarco explained the two larger charges were for rotors, calipers, and break lines for two separate vehicles that will remain on the line.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements, for September 7th, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Long asked how we were doing with overtime. Chief DeMarco explained we are down two officers, so there is overtime being used, but they can reallocate money if they need to.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing as of 08/31/18 in the total amount of \$125.00

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/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 08/31/2018 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Leach asked how the traffic study meeting went. Chief DeMarco stated he attended the meeting with Deputy Chief Hart. We will be notified of the next phase. Commissioner Filipone asked if we are looking into using drones. Chief DeMarco stated we are considering an active drone program in the future. They are researching the equipment, training, licensing, funding, etc. A discussion ensued.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chief DeMarco spoke to the state and they will respond to the request for the turn lane on Rt. 140 in due course, but it is highly unlikely it will be granted.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Chief DeMarco stated the town said they need the CIP request in by Friday. He then went on to explain the request with detailed handouts: Next payment for NexGen; Two and a half new

police vehicles (includes switch-over for new equipment); Six Toughbook 33's which are car computers that can be used in cruisers and as handhelds. The ones in the cruisers now are outdated and approximately ten years old. Commissioner Burns still believes the vehicles should be a budgeted item and not CIP. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Filipone asked about the building repairs. Chief DeMarco said they are still operating on the same money and will update on the projects as they continue. Commissioner Filipone asked if they replaced the handguns. Chief DeMarco stated they did.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Leach received an email from Ms. Deana Prest that it is the 33-year anniversary since the homicide of Carmen DeLuca and would like him to ask about the case. Chief DeMarco stated the case is still actively under investigation.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Burns has three questions she received from the public:

How do we enforce the noise ordinance in East Windsor such as late-night parties and roofing being done at 6:45am? Chief DeMarco explained they first must call the police and make a complaint. The police can then assess the situation and determine what, if any enforcement should be taken based on the law and town ordinance. A discussion ensued.

How can we handle ATV's and dirt bikes in the pits and are we confiscating vehicles? Chief DeMarco explained once again, they must first call the police to make a complaint; call early and call often. Each case will be handled and enforcement action (tickets, arrests, confiscation) taken when appropriate. There are people riding with permission from the landowners so that must be taken into consideration. For those riding illegally, corrective action will be taken. A discussion ensued.

How are we going to alert people when there are emergency situations like storms? Chief DeMarco explained we would alert people utilizing the Reverse 911 system. If necessary, they could also use cruisers and public address (PA) systems.

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

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to enter into Executive Session at 7:51 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 8:45pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary