

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE POLICE COMMISSION

The Police Commission held a special meeting, Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in the Conference Room, 3 Town Hall South, Newtown, CT. Chairman Faxon called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Andrew Sachs, Daniel Rosenthal, Joel Faxon, Brian Budd, Virgial Procaccini

Also Present: 7 member of the public and one member of the press

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Paul Mangiafico, 15 Kent Road – Suggested that they hire a new police officer now. If the Capital position will be filled from within, that will ultimately lead to an opening. The time it takes from the hire to getting them on the job takes months.

POLICE UNION PARTICIPATION - None

MINUTES – Mr. Budd moved to accept the minutes from the 10/16/16 meeting. Mr. Sachs seconded, motion unanimously approved.

CHIEFS REPORT – Chief Viadero reported that the month was uneventful. They had Halloween on Main Street and it went very well. They completed 2 weeks of in-service training for range. They are activity seeking a new officer, application closed date is December 3. They have a lieutenant exam scheduled. It is a two part exam, the written portion will be 12/5 and the oral will be 12/12. There is an orientation on 12/14 where the examiner will meet the 4 candidates taking the exam. They are testing different types of body camera's before they make a purchase. There have been a lot of traffic tubes posted throughout the town, they are not the Town's they are CT DOT doing their yearly traffic studies. Chief Viadera thanked Scott Sikari and Unilever's generosity for the donated furniture. Also from the Newtown Building Fund, they received \$23,000 so they were able to purchase furniture for their lieutenants, sergeants and the detective division.

OLD BUISINESS

Pearl Street Discussion – Since the last meeting, they put traffic tubes on Pearl Street. Mr. Budd articulated that they can say in confidence they are looking at 1100 to 1200 cars per day. The mile per hour is a low average of 31.2 and a high of 34.1. As far as the engineering process is concerned, getting one more data point on Queen Street in the next month it would benefit the board. Queen Street was an average of 5100 cars before the speed tables and it went down to 3300. Key Rock was 1200 after they went down and is now up to 1900. The question is whether Queen Street is currently up or down from when the speed tables went in. The other option other than speed tables is cameras but they cannot use them for enforcement. They put the variable speed sign to slow people down. It was suggested to use the temporary speed tables that were used on Queen Street in the spring.

Correspondence– Chief presented the board with letters of appreciations that they have received over the course of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners Participation - none

Public Participation – Herman Valentin, 9 Pearl Street – Expressed concerns about the speed on Pearl Street especially when you descend down the hill. Putting in the temporary speed humps is a good idea to get the data and come to a conclusion. In regards to the cameras, it would be a good idea if they can mail a person a fine. When you pay that fine you will not speed. Mr. Faxon articulated that he has been on Pearl Street a lot and presented photos of a mailbox that was knocked down by a vehicle (Attachment A).

Executive Session – Mr. Rosenthal moved to go into executive session under general statute section 1-200(6a), discussion concerning the appointment, employment evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee provided that such individual may require that discussion be held in a public meeting. Invited into the executive session which began at 6:57pm were Chief Viadera, Richard Robinson, Chris Vanghele and David Kullgren. Mr. Sachs seconded, motion unanimously approved. At that time the clerk left the meeting.
Executive session ended at 8:36pm.

Mr. Budd moved to appoint Chris Vanghele as Captain, Mr. Procaccini seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk Pro-Tem

Attachment A

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