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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall
Tuesday, October 9, 2012

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Members Present: Jack Testani, Chairman
Anna Henry
Roger McGovern
Lino Costantini
Philip DiGennaro
Albert Zamarly

Also Present: Chief Thomas H. Kiely
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Attorney Jeff Mogan
Robert Coppola

Public Comments

Opened at 7:11 pm.

Chairman Testani indicated that he received a letter from Ms. Cindi Baricko of Danube Drive and will discuss letter under new business. There being no other public comments Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comments at 7:12 pm.

Approval of September 11, 2012 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2012 as amended. MOTION made (Commissioner Henry), 2nd (Commissioner Costantini). There was no further discussion. TWO ABSTENTIONS, Commissioner Zmary and DiGennaro.

Correspondence

None.

Chief Kiely's Report

Chief Kiely met with Town Hall about the Police department having some unfunded positions. Chief Kiely showed a seniority chart which showed how many officers are eligible for retirement, currently there are nine (9) officers that have maxed out on their pension and are eligible to retire. The Chief sees that within the next four (4) years there will be approximately fifteen (15) more officers that are able to retire. Therefore, what the Chief has in mind is continuing the hiring process to fill the unfunded positions. He is indicating that the earliest he would be able to hire officers would be around April 2013. The department is authorized to have 75 officers but is currently unfunded for two (2) police officer positions; the Chief is asking that the two (2) unfunded positions be funded. Commissioner Henry mentioned that in the past there was a discussion of one of the unfunded positions becoming a Computer Crimes investigator because of the increase in technological crimes; is that still part of the process? Chief Kiely responded that he would like that but not at this time; right now he needs to fill in the patrol officer positions first. The other position that needs to be filled is Brian Casey's I.T. position. There would need to be a test to see if there is an officer in the department that is able to do the Computer Crime position. Commissioner Costantini asked if Brian Casey's position is funded in this 2012 fiscal year. Chief Kiely responded that it is. Commissioner Costantini asked if the department would need to go to the Board of Finance for a supplemental appropriation. Chief Kiely responded they would need to because of the two (2) positions that were not funded in the 2012 fiscal year.

Commissioner Testani asked where the department stands with the hiring process. Chief Kiely responded that they are currently doing background checks on the top 20 candidates. They are hoping to interview the candidates in December/January 2013 and attend the academy in February 2013.

Commissioner Testani asked if a copy of the graph the Chief showed the commission be emailed to the board members. Deputy Chief Byrnes indicated that a copy will be provided. Commissioner DiGennaro asked if the department knows there is a possibility of a large number of retirees do they ask. Chief Kiely responded no they do not ask but with conversation with other officers it is known that there are officers possibly retiring.

Deputy Chief Byrnes informed the commission that there were 184 Burglar Alarms during the month of September which averages out to 7 alarms per day, 1780 YTD. Commissioner Testani

asked if the Alarm Ordinance has been instituted for the Trumbull residents. Chief Kiely responded that within the next week or so the forms will be created. One of the key components in the new job description for the Records Clerk position is the Alarm Ordinance. The Records position will handle the Alarm Ordinance registration forms. One of the Records Clerk positions will be filled by the end of the week. The second position is still pending. The K-9 assisted other agencies in two (2) different instances; year-to-date there has been 7 instances that the K-9 has assisted other agencies. The second K-9 started its training with the State. Officer Greg Lee and K-9 Storm are expected to be back in a few months. Deputy Chief Byrnes noted the number of Drug Violations (4) for the month of September; year-to-date there has been 99 Drug Violation cases which is twice the amount from last year.

There have been 136 medical calls for last month, which average out to 5 per day. There have been more than 1,200 calls this year. Deputy Chief Byrnes anticipates that by year end there will be 1,600 or 1,700 calls that they have responded to. Commissioner Testani asked when the changeover to CMED will take place. Deputy Chief Byrnes responded that it will change over this coming Monday. There have been 43 criminal arrests for the month of September.

Traffic

Deputy Chief Harry indicated that Lt. Savarese went to Tait Road to speak with the complainants and unfortunately there is not much that can be done. The trail is heavily used and it generates a lot of vehicles in the area. The officers are patrolling the area. Commissioner Testani asked how often the officers are patrolling the area. Deputy Chief Harry responded that patrol goes at least once a day. Deputy Chief Byrnes also indicated that it all depends on the availability of officers. There has been one thing that has been added to the area, one of the motor officers has been assigned to patrol the area of the trail. Commissioner Testani asked that if the Traffic Division would provide the commission with a monthly update of Tait Road. Chief Kiely indicated that he goes to the trail every weekend and one side of the road is filled with cars and the other side is not and that there is enough room for an emergency vehicle to get by. Chief Kiely is aware there is a problem but unless an alternate parking area is built there will always be a problem. There are postings of "no parking" on one side of the road.

Deputy Chief Harry also indicated that Lt. Savarese went to Center Road and spoke with the complainant and agreed that a "one-way" sign and "no parking" at the beginning of street are not clearly visible. The Town Highway has been notified and they will install permanent "no parking" signs. The Reverend of the United Methodist Church has been notified to remind the parishioners to please not park on that street.

There was a complaint regarding passing school bus violations on Route 127 near Alice Place, the Traffic Division checked the area for several days in the morning and afternoon and no violations were observed. The Traffic Division will continue to monitor the area.

Speeding Vehicles on Chestnut Hill Road, it is a difficult area for a patrol car to monitor the area due to it being a hilly and windy road. The Traffic Division has been notified to conduct speed enforcement.

The Traffic Division assisted Bridgeport PD and Monroe PD with fatal accidents. The Traffic Division recently returned from a three (3) day training in Pennsylvania for Accident Reconstruction.

Training Report

All Officers are currently engaged in their firearms qualifications for the year. Officer Don Allen attended a 2 week firearms training session at the academy and is now a certified firearm instructors.

Officer Don Allen has also been assigned to the 1 year temporary Detective Bureau position.

Detective Bureau Report

Deputy Chief Harry reported that there were 55 fingerprints cases for September, 9 of which were for Pistol Permit applications. On average the Detective Bureau does 52 fingerprints a month. One detective is assigned to do the fingerprints on Wednesdays.

Deputy Chief Harry reported that there were three (3) burglaries on October 9th in the Long Hill area (lower, center and upper hill). The Detective Bureau is speaking with Stratford PD as they also had some burglaries and they might be related.

On Saturday, October 6th Home Depot had a safety day and Detective Testi attended and fingerprinted approximately 100 children. The fingerprints were given to the parents along with a DNA kit.

Sick/Injury Report

Commissioner Costantini presented questions regarding the monthly sick report.

Commissioner Costantini made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss the monthly sick report. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2nd (Commissioner Zamarly). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Entering into Executive Session: Commissioners Testani, Costantini, McGovern, Henry, DiGennaro and Zamarly. Also in Executive Session: Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Harry, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Attorney Jeff Mogan and Vivian Munoz.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. MOTION made (Commissioner Costantini), 2nd (Commissioner McGovern). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Testani reiterated the reason that that Police Commission board entered into executive session was to discuss the officers that have excessive sick time. Deputy Chief Harry reported that the department is averaging about 8.4 sick days per person per year. Deputy Chief Harry informed the Commission that the sick time is monitored and those who have excessive sick time are spoken too. Commissioner Henry stated that on the list there are three (3) officers that have been out thirty (30) or more sick days, for the first nine (9) months. Are any of those illnesses long term? Deputy Chief Harry responded that they were; maternity leave, shoulder surgery and other medical surgery. Commissioner Henry and DiGennaro asked if the officers are out sick for a period of time do they have documentation why they are out. Deputy Chief Harry responded that if an officer is out for three (3) days or more they need to provide a medical note. Also, should an officer be out for a period of time then they need to provide a prognosis report of when they might return to work and if it would be on light duty.

Deputy Chief Harry informed the Commission that Sergeant Weir has been involved with Tip-A-Cop for the Special Olympics for the past ten years. The next Tip-A-Cop will be on Friday, November 2nd from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Marisa's with all proceeds donated to the Special Olympics.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Commissioner Testani submitted a letter on behalf of Trumbull resident Ms. Cindi Baricko of 15 Danube Drive. She is requesting a sign to be placed to alert drivers of deer crossing as well as acting as a form of added safety for the children and companion pets on Danube Drive.

Commissioner Testani indicated that the normal course of action when a letter like this is sent in is to have Lt. Savarese look into the request. Chief Kiely responded for something like this the Police Commission can take action.

A motion was made to place a "deer crossing" sign on Danube Drive as suggested by Ms. Cindi Baricko in her letter. MOTION made (Commissioner Henry), 2nd (Commissioner Costantini). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Kiely provided an update of the IACP conference he attended in San Diego.

Chief Kiely indicated that Bridgeport PD along with David Kennedy of John Jay College will be hosting a program/training pertaining to race relations.

Detective Kevin Hammel along with Chief Kiely and First Selectman Herbst were honored by the State Coalition on Domestic Violence of 100 Men. The main person who is involved with this

program is Detective Kevin Hammel who has great compassion and is amazing working with this program.

Chief Kiely also attended an event at the Center for Women and Family in Bridgeport where they had Elizabeth Smart and her father as the guest speakers.

There will be a Trumbull Domestic Violence Candle Light Vigil tomorrow, October 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Testani asked for an update on the substation in the mall. Deputy Chief Byrnes informed the Commission that he met with Westfield management and the outside of the substation has been finished. A picture was distributed of what the exterior of the substation looks like. There are a few more things that need to be done on the inside of the office. Deputy Chief Byrnes indicated that they are anticipating it will be completed within the next few weeks. Commissioner Testani indicated the possibility of having a grand re-opening of the substation and have the press along with First Selectman Herbst, Chief and Deputy Chief's present.

Grievances

Attorney Jeff Mogan informed the Police Commission that both parties, Union and Police Chief, have resolved the Grievances. There is nothing further to discuss.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting. MOTION made (Commissioner Henry), 2nd (Commissioner DiGennaro) to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 8:11 pm. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission