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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Conference Room
September 10, 2013

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Jack Testani, Chairman
Lino Costantini
Alfred Liggins
Roger McGovern
Albert Zamary

Also Present: Chief Thomas H. Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Sergeant Kenneth Jones
Sergeant Leonard Scinto
Detective Donald Allen
Detective Robert Coppola
Officer Michael Gonzalez
Officer Darren R. Millington
Officer Blake Petty

Absent: Philip DiGennaro

Public Comments

Opened at 7:01 pm.

There being no public comments Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comments at 7:02 pm.

Approval of August 14, 2013 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minute of August 14, 2013 as presented. MOTION made 1st by Commissioner Zamary, 2nd by Commissioner McGovern. Chairman Testani asked the clerk to make a change on page 1. Where it states public comments opened at 7:00 pm and closed at 7:01 pm, should be changed to opened at 7:08 pm and closed at 7:09 pm as Commissioner Testani was not present until 7:08 pm. Chairman Testani also questioned the members to see if there were any changes needed on the email the clerk sent to them. There were none. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Correspondence

There is no correspondence to report.

Chief Kiely's Report

- The new Bishop is being installed on 9/19. This will all occur in Trumbull. There will be a lunch at St. Catherine's in the hall; from there he will go to St. Theresa's. The actual installation will be 1.5-2 hours. Following that a reception will occur back at St. Catherine's. There will be traffic issues to deal with; Lt. Savarese is working on that.
- One of the things we're talking about are the signs needed on Whitney Ave. Will need to sit down with John Marsilio and Public Works, there seems to be no money for this.

Chairman Testani asked when the Chief will be having this meeting to figure out funding involved, and also wishes to know what will be required of the Commission and Police Department.

Chief responded just found this out in the past few days, as soon as tomorrow he can meet with Mr. Marsilio and find the money for this. He expects the cost to be roughly \$1500-\$1600 per sign.

Chairman Testani asked that the Chief keep the Commission updated on this project

- Had a meeting with Rails to Trails, including the First Selectman. The trail will be extended from Trumbull center to Beardsley Park. When all is completed, one will be able to walk or bike from Newtown to downtown Bridgeport. That project is moving along. Funding from the Federal Government for this is 1.4 million. There will be a tunnel below parkway entrance ramp. No start date for this is available.

In the meeting, the current issues with Route 111 were brought up. A bridge is in the works to resolve that but that is 2-3 years out. They talked about high intensity lights over that crossing (over the road), that something being worked on with DOT. He will have a better idea after next month's meeting.

Commissioner Costantini inquired whether there would be any lighting in tunnel itself. The Chief responded yes, will have vandal proof lights. An example is the tunnel under route 25; he also notes that graffiti is prevalent there. Chief expects we would have similar issues.

- Emergency Response Team (ERT) participated in a SWAT challenge. There were 30+ SWAT teams competing including CT State Police, MA State Police, and several other regional teams. Our team finished 7th overall, it was a great honor to come out in the top 10.

Deputy Chief Byrnes Report

Deputy Chief Byrnes informed the Commission that activity reports are in their binders. It shows average activity for a month's time. There were 66 arrests. He asked the Commission to review and he will answer any questions.

- Update on the police department and communication center renovations. Last month, the First Selectman brought to the Town Council a resolution for creating a task force charged with investigating and making a report regarding combining all of the public safety communication centers in one room. The First Selectman wanted a plan within 90 days. The Town Council did pass this resolution in the beginning of August; the report is due in October.

DC Byrnes reports the Task Force has been researching and looking at other centers in the area, speaking to other departments looking at best solutions for us. As the Task Force progresses he will give progress reports. The Task Force consists of Fire Chief Douglas Bogan, EMS Director Joseph Laucella, Deputy Emergency Management Director William Chiarenzelli, and DC Byrnes. Further discussion about the current makeup of communications centers. Additional discussion about the renovations required. DC Byrnes reports that the current equipment is outdated and there is no room for growth, the current design for a new center is for 4 positions with the idea of combining all of the public safety communications for Trumbull in one room. Commissioner Costantini inquired if the current Police Department renovation plans have already included this new communications center and DC Byrnes assured him that it does.

Commissioner Liggins inquired about the funding for this communications center project, if we have funding yet. Chief Kiely reports there is no funding yet. We have a figure of 4.2 million, and we are moving forward from there after a plan is in place.

Chairman Testani inquired if the Commission can have the report at their October meeting. DC Byrnes replied that is not possible but an update can be given and can likely give the final report by the November meeting.

- DC Byrnes reports that K9 Officers Carlson and Greg Lee are doing a great job and assisting on other types of calls as well.
- The Department is consistently averaging 5 medical calls a day. DC Byrnes compliments the officers on the tremendous job they have done. He reports on a recent CPR save, one of our newest officers assisting.
- Commissioner Costantini asked for confirmation that the Department had 219 burglar alarms for month of August. DC Byrnes confirmed that alarms are still at an average of 7-8 per day.

Chief Kiely reports the alarm ordinance will be rolling out on 9/15, there is a delay as our computers have to sync with NexGen. The registration process has started further discussion of the False Alarm Ordinance that was passed. Commissioner Costantini is concerned about the safeguard of information from the false alarms database. Chief Kiely reports we have significant safeguards with our vendor.

DC Byrnes invited questions about the activity reports.

Chairman Testani noted abnormally high level of motor vehicle incidents. DC Byrnes confirmed that yes, those numbers are slightly up. These include stops, warnings, laser and seat belt enforcement due to funding by the DOT Enforcement Grant.

Traffic Report

Traffic report was delivered by Deputy Chief Harry.

- There are 3 areas locations with speeding complaints. So far the department has issued 16 speeding infractions in these areas and will continue to monitor.
- The 2013 DUI Enforcement Grant began on January 19, 2013. 185 citations were issued from August 1-September 2, 2013 and 2 DUI arrests were made.
- The Traffic Division was called out to assist with 2 very serious accidents. One in Bridgeport on Old Town Rd and one on Route 127 at Merritt Parkway.

Detective Bureau Report

The Detective Bureau Report was delivered by Deputy Chief Harry.

- There has been a slight uptick in burglaries. Total of 9, with 4 of those being at the mall. Detective Schwartz and Detective Testi have made a lot of headway and expect these to be resolved quickly.
- Detective Murray is coming back into the building. Finally getting one back will help ease the workload the detectives have.
- DC Harry wishes to mention how long some cases take. He reports on a 2010 case initially handled by Retired Detective Sergeant Sember. It was turned over to Detective Coppola who is working with the State's Attorney. They were able to get the suspect to voluntarily come in for a meeting. Ret. Det. Sgt. Sember came back as a favor to us, sat down with the suspect and got significant info which will assist in the investigation moving forward.
- Fingerprinting is maintaining an average number in the 40s. Chairman Testani inquired if the Department is using the new room and DC Harry responds that we are not yet. The current timeline is to have it done and in place by mid-November due to the grant requirements.

New Business

Letter from a Gwendolyn Drive resident, requesting that a crosswalk be painted on Route 111 at the intersection of Gwendolyn. Chief Kiely will forward to the traffic division but reminded the Commission that this will be a DOT call and not ours due to being on a State road.

Chairman Testani gave the floor to Detective Coppola who reports 2 Union Grievances to discuss. It was suggested to enter into Executive Session.

Commission McGovern made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:31 to discuss Union Grievances. MOTION made 1st by Commission McGovern, 2nd by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Entering into Executive Session was Chairman Testani, Commissioners Costantini, Liggins, McGovern and Zamary, Chief Kiely, Deputy Chiefs Byrnes and Harry, Sergeants Jones and Scinto, Detectives Allen and Coppola, Officers Gonzalez, Millington and Petty, and Coleen Fitch.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:11 pm. MOTION was 1st made by Commissioner Costantini, 2nd by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Grievance 13-06

Commissioner Costantini moved to sustain denial of the grievance by Chief of Police. MOTION made 1st by Commissioner Costantini, 2nd by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Grievance 13-08

Commissioner Costantini moved to table Grievance 13-08 until Special Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6 pm. Motion made 1st by Commissioner Costantini, 2nd by Commissioner McGovern. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment

Commissioner Costantini made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion made 1st by Commissioner Costantini, 2nd by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Coleen E. Fitch
Substitute Clerk of the Commission