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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Town Hall - Long Hill Conference Room
February 11, 2014

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m.

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

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn C. Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Lieutenant Thomas Savarese

Absent: Philip DiGennaro

Public Comments

The Chair opened Public Comment at 7:49

There being no public comments Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comment at 7:50 p.m.

Approval of the January 7, 2104 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 7, 2014 minutes as presented. Moved by Commissioner Zamary, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Town Engineer – Frank Smeriglio

Discussed the concerns on Whitney Avenue and Route 111. Mr. Smeriglio indicated that after July 1, 2014 a \$10,000 will be allocated for a study from Tigh & Bond. It will take about 2 months to get the report from them with their suggestions. The police department will continue enforcement. Speed trailer will be set up in the locations once the weather is conducive.

Traffic Report

Lieutenant Thomas Savarese provided update on Marigold Lane at Glenarden Road, Officer Richard has followed up with town engineering for further recommendations at this location. Previously two curve warning signs were installed and branch removal was completed in this location. The further recommendation is to install two W1-6 directional arrows to this 90 degree intersection.

Motion made to approve the installation of the two W1-6 directional arrows signs. MOTION made 1st by Commissioner McGovern and 2nd by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Teller Road at Whitney Avenue

Officer Richard was assigned to review the stop sign location on Teller Road at Whitney Avenue. The current sign location is within the standardized regulations. There are sightline issues to the east due to some trees and branches. Town Highway will be notified for their removal. There is also a sightline issue to the west due to VFW Post signage. To enhance the available sight line a motorist using good judgment should move forward approximately one to one and one half car lengths. As in many areas and intersections this would greatly enhance the operator's sightline while not being a hazard to vehicles on Whitney Avenue.

Speeding on Monroe Turnpike (Route 111) at the intersection of 41 Monroe Turnpike

Complaint reported of speeding vehicles on Monroe Turnpike at the intersection of 41 Monroe Turnpike. This complex consists of several businesses. The complainant explained that the high volume of vehicles, high speeds, and the four lane roadway on Monroe Turnpike presents dangerous situation for vehicles exiting the complex. He stated that a traffic light needs to be installed at the intersection to prevent a fatality. The complaint was addressed with CT DOT at a meeting on January 30, 2014. Contact will be made with the business developer regarding installation of a traffic light.

Pedestrian Crossing, Daniels Farm Road at Hillcrest Middle School.

Complainant contacted Officer Thompson regarding an ongoing safety issue for her son crossing Daniels Farm Road after school hours. The police department has addressed updating the crossing signs, warning lights, crosswalk markings, and sightline issues. Officer Thompson has contacted the Board of Education regarding making arrangements for the child to leave school on the late bus. The area will also be included on the monthly speed enforcement location list.

Chief Kiely's Report

Chief Kiely reported that the commission has been receiving weekly reports.

The department will look into the cost of including the Alarm Ordinance letter in the tax bill that will go out in June to remind the residents to register their alarms. The department will continue to send reminders through Trumbull Times and the Patch. Chief Kiely shared some articles about the increase in heroin use in teens. On February 12th there will be a ribbon cutting at the Police Department regarding the installation of a Drug Drop Box. This will help

dispose of any drugs properly. Chief Kiely reported that Mike Zottola is doing a great job with the fleet maintenance. Town Highway is preparing to remove more snow from the parking lot at the Police Department. Chief Kiely provided an update on the police candidates, there are currently 8 candidates. They will also go through the physiological and the polygraphs.

Deputy Chief Harry - Detective Bureau Report

Deputy Chief Harry report with the retirement of Detective Hammel a temporary detective bureau position will be posted. Detective Hammel was an asset to the department and will be missed. D/C Harry shared that Officer Robert Lee did an excellent job in keeping a mom calm as she locked herself in the bathroom with her child. The police responded within 2 minutes and the burglar was caught. D/C Harry also shared about a scam that occurred of someone calling and pretending that one of their family members was hurt and that they needed to wire money. D/C Harry asked that you do not send any money to anyone, call the police immediately and report the call.

New Business

Commissioner McGovern made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss proposed personnel matters. MOTION made 1st by Commissioner McGovern and 2nd by Commissioner Zamary. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Entering into Executive Session: Commissioners Costantini, Liggins, McGovern, Testani, Zamary, Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Deputy Chief Harry and Lieutenant Savarese.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. MOTION made 1st by Commissioner McGovern and 2nd by Commissioner Zamary. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business

None.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins the Trumbull Police Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of Commission