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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Town Hall
June 10, 2014

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m.

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

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn C. Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Lieutenant Thomas Savarese
James Haselkamp - Director of Labor Relations

Absent: Lino Costantini
Philip DiGennaro

Public Comments

The Chair opened Public Comment at 6:20 p.m.

Robert Coppola, 158 Edison Road, Trumbull, CT. Mr. Coppola introduced himself as the Police Union President and asked if Chairman Testani in consideration of the presenters if he would move Public Comments to the end of the meeting. Chairman Testani indicated that the Public Comment session will continue. Chairman Testani also indicated that if there were any public comments regarding the Police Pension meeting he would not allow any discussions.

Daniel Esposito, Council 15, 700 West Johnson Avenue, Cheshire. Mr. Esposito said that he understood there was a Pension meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Chairman Testani corrected him with the time of meeting, 7 p.m. Mr. Esposito asked if the meeting will be held. Chairman Testani responded that the meeting will not take place. Mr. Esposito asked "why not"? Chairman Testani responded he canceled the meeting because they are waiting for more information from both the

Town and Union. Mr. Esposito asked "in regards to what"? Chairman Testani replied "in regards to the RFPs". Mr. Esposito asked "when did it become apparent that the information was not available?" Chairman Testani responded that he found out in the afternoon that the material was not available and that is when he decided to cancel the meeting. Chairman Testani declined to respond to any further questions regarding the the Trumbull Police Pension meeting.

David Preusch, 19 Woodcrest Avenue, expressed his concerns about the proposed stop sign and traffic engineering study that is being conducted for the intersection of Wheeler Drive and Woodcrest Avenue.

Lieutenant Savarese indicated that the Town Engineer composed a letter which was given to the developer which discusses the issues Mr. Preusch mentioned regarding the sight line at the intersection. The next step would be for the developer to review the letter and respond back to the Town Engineer addressing the issues in the letter. Also present was William Mauer from the Engineering Department for any questions.

Carmine DeFeo, 15 Woodcrest Avenue, indicated that he would like to request that the applicant look at other alternative plans to either eliminate or do something besides the cul-de-sac coming out at the intersection. The property does open out to Shelton Road.

There being no other public comments Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comment at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of the May 13, 2014 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes as presented. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Zamar. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to move out of order the discussion of the Traffic study from the Town of Trumbull Engineer. Moved by Commissioner Zamar, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

William Maurer, Town of Trumbull Engineer discussed the letter that was provided to the Commission from Frank Smeriglio, Town Engineer. The letter was sent to both Planning and Zoning and the applicant to review.

Chief Kiely's Report

Chief Kiely reported that he recently attended a couple days of Executive Training. There were several good speakers at the training. Chief Kiely shared that Taser will be using body cameras vs. car cameras. In the future the department will look into switching over to the body cameras.

Trumbull Day is moving along with the Trumbull High School Graduation on June 20th at 4:45 p.m. Police Explorers will be assisting at both events.

The Police Explorers did a great job at the Memorial Day Parade. Lt. Golding wrote a memo to the Chief commending the Police Explorers which was also shared with the police commissioners.

Detective Scott Murray will be receiving a United States Attorney's Award for his work on the FBI Task Force. This is a very prestigious award to receive.

A project through Emergency Management Region 1 is funding License Plate Reader (LPR) hardware for all departments in the region. The unit will be installed on one police car next week at no cost to our department.

The Records Department is short staffed and the department will be working with personnel to hire another person.

There have been thefts with landscaping equipment being stolen out of the Landscapers vehicles. This has been occurring all around. The cause of the thefts is believed to be the widespread use of Heroin.

Deputy Chief Byrnes – Operations Report

Deputy Chief Byrnes reported that there was one (1) drug arrest last week made by Officer Pires in which he recovered 10 bags of heroin from a Bridgeport resident on a motor vehicle stop. There were 1,500 patrol calls for the month of May.

The K-9s continue to do a great job each month and continue to assist other towns in the area.

The medical calls for the month of May have not declined, they continue to be about 10% of the department's case load. There were 52 arrests for the month of May.

Deputy Chief Harry - Detective Bureau Report

Deputy Chief Harry credited Detective Schwartz for all his hard work as he handles a lot of the burglaries and keeps track of any items stolen. The detectives are keeping busy in preparing their warrants as that takes time.

Alarm statuses were included in the binders provided. Deputy Chief Harry informed the commission that in the tax mailing the alarm registration form will be included as well. The cost for that will be \$1,000 in which will be covered by the alarm account fund. Any waiver requests will be handled by Lynn Arnow, Chief of Staff. Deputy Chief Harry sends a monthly report to Dr. Cialfi, Superintendent, of any school alarms activated. Chairman Testani asked Lynn Arnow, Chief of Staff to join the meeting and work with Deputy Chief Harry to reach out to Superintendent Cialfi regarding the false alarms for the schools. Ms. Arnow indicated that one of the things they are looking to do is prepare a memo to the Superintendent making them aware of the false alarms and contact the school(s) that are causing the false alarms.

Unfinished Business

Commissioner McGovern made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. for discussion of renovation proposals for Communications Center project. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Zmary. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Entering into Executive Session: Commissioners Liggins, McGovern, Testani, Zamar, Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Deputy Chief Harry, Lieutenant Savarese, Eric Fine and Denis Viera of Northeast Communications and Vivian Munoz.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Moved by Commissioner Zamar, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made to direct the Town Attorney to pursue the construction of the radio tower of police headquarters and file a petition for the extension of the tower height to 150 feet. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to enter into negotiations with the Trumbull Center Fire District and encourage their cooperation for the replacement of the existing radio tower located on the property of the Daniels Farm fire house on Daniels Farm Road. Moved by Commissioner Zamar, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Report

Lieutenant Thomas Savarese provided a report on traffic complaints/issues

- Speeding complaints on Melrose Avenue and Williams Road, Patrol has been notified for enforcement and the speed trailer used as well.
- The DUI Enforcement will continue until September 2014.
- In May there were 125 motor vehicle arrests and 44 motor vehicle warnings issued by the Trumbull Police Officers.

Chairman Testani asked if the speed trailer could be placed on Route 111 near intersection of the rails to trails. Lt. Savarese informed the chairman that it has been placed on Monroe Turnpike just before the intersection near Chips.

Patrol will be notified to maintain their presence on Whitney Avenue and the speed trailer will be used there. Chairman Testani asked if he could get a report of how often was the department able to have a patrol monitor the area along with the speed trailer placed in the area as well.

Commissioner McGovern mentioned that there is a speed sign of 40 MPH on Monroe Turnpike; he is requesting that the speed limit be reduced for traffic traveling down the hill. Per the request of Chairman Testani, Lt. Savarese will have the Traffic Division look at the location and see what they suggest and then make a recommendation to the State DOT. Lt. Savarese indicated that the State DOT is currently doing a traffic study for the 4151 Monroe Turnpike area.

New Business

Discussion of retirement offer for Chief Kiley and Deputy Chief Harry

James Haselkamp, Director of Labor relations informed the commission that Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Harry have elected to accept the retirement incentive offer.

Discussion of authorization for the Town's personnel department to start a national search for the position of Chief of Police

Mr. Haselkamp is requesting that the commission give the authorization to begin the procedure of an RFP for a national search for the position of Chief of Police. Commissioner Liggins asked if hiring a search firm does not preclude anybody from within the department. Mr. Haselkamp responded it does not, if anything he expects people within the department, outside of Connecticut and in Connecticut to apply for the position.

Motion made to authorize the Town of Trumbull Personnel Department to engage a search firm to start a national search for the position of Chief of Police. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

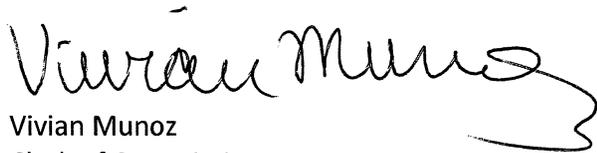
Discussion of contracts for Deputy Chief Harry and Deputy Chief Byrnes

Mr. Haselkamp made a recommendation to extend Deputy Chief Harry's contract until December 19, 2014, his date of retirement. Motion made to extend Deputy Chief Harry's contract from July 1, 2014 to December 19, 2014. Moved by Commissioner Liggins, seconded by Commissioner Zamarly. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

The commission, along with Mr. Haselkamp, discussed Deputy Chief Byrnes' contract. Prior to making any decision on the extension of Deputy Chief Byrnes contract, the commission and Mr. Haselkamp asked to review his current contract. Chief Kiely commented that Deputy Chief Byrnes is a dedicated individual to the Trumbull Police Department, he has a Masters in Criminal Justice he also has his Bachelor's degree. It was requested that Deputy Chief Byrnes' contract be forwarded to the commission and Mr. Haselkamp to review. A motion was made to table discussion of Deputy Chief Byrnes contract until June 16, 2014. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Zamarly. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Commissioner Liggins, seconded by Commissioner McGovern the Trumbull Police Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vivian Munoz
Clerk of Commission