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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Town Hall
July 15, 2014

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Lino Costantini
Philip DiGennaro

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely
First Selectman Timothy Herbst
James Haselkamp, Director of Labor Relations

Public Comments

The Chair opened Public Comment at 6:04 p.m.

There being no public comments Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comment at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of the June 10, 2014 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 10, 2014 minutes as presented. Moved by Commissioner Zmary, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the June 16, 2014 Special Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 16, 2014 minutes as presented. Moved by Commissioner Liggins, seconded by Commissioner Zmary. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the June 23, 2014 Special Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 23, 2014 minutes as presented. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None.

A motion was made to move Unfinished Business before Chief's Report. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Michael Galante of Frederick P. Clark Associates, Inc. in Fairfield, CT; Mr. Galante provided an updated letter with the evaluation of Wheeler Drive and Woodcrest Avenue. Mr. Galante also provided a detailed presentation as they were asked to take a look at the proposed subdivision that will have access to Shelton Road and provided an analysis of developing a cul-de-sac to serve two proposed residential homes at the intersection of Wheeler Drive and Woodcrest Avenue. Mr. Galante recommended additional traffic warning signs, curve warning, left arrow warning and a stop sign and stop bar that should be installed on the cul-de-sac approach to the intersection.

First Selectman Herbst asked where the application has been. His understanding is that the sub-division application was filed with the Planning and Zoning Commission and there was a denial without prejudice, subject to the traffic plan being reviewed and approved by the traffic authority. FS Herbst asked if the applicant would be adverse to allowing the police commission to table the application so when the application goes back to the P&Z commission, their staff and the traffic authority would have had the opportunity for a coordinated review.

A motion was made to table the proposed application for Wheeler Drive and Woodcrest Avenue subdivision, pending review and collaboration with town traffic authority and Director of Planning & Zoning. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Chief Kiely's Report

Chief Kiely reported that there have been three (3) heroin overdoses in June. There will be increase in crime due to heroin, shoplifting and break in into cars. Unfortunately, this trend is occurring all over.

Chief Kiely reported that the town did an exercise with the State of Connecticut regarding hurricanes, everything went well. The exercise helped everyone get together and go over all sort of details should there be a hurricane. United Illuminating and AT & T were present at the exercise as well.

Police Recruits are doing well at the academy.

Cheesecake Factory will be opening their doors soon at the Westfield Shopping Center.

Sergeant Kenneth Medoff has announced his retirement, which will be at the end of August. He has accepted a position with the Board of Education as a security guard for Tashua Elementary School.

Deputy Chief Byrnes – Operations Report

Deputy Chief Byrnes reported there were approximately 1,500 calls for service for the month of June, averaging 50 calls per day. The alarms continue to average more than 6 per day. Medical call activity continues to grow. As the Police Department being the first responders the medical calls are taking more than 10% of the activity for Patrol, but the program has been very successful.

Deputy Chief Byrnes reported the overdose cases that were mentioned earlier a couple years ago the overdoses were averaging out to 11-12 per year, within the past 5 weeks there have been 4 cases of suspected overdoses involving heroin. What is surprising is the age involved, 17-21 year old and they are using variety of methods as in snorting and injecting. The heroin problem is becoming nationwide.

Chairman Testani asked if the false alarms are still a higher percentage mostly from the Board of Education and Town buildings. DC Byrnes reported that there were 16 violations from town buildings for the month of June. Chairman Testani reported to FS Herbst that Chief of Staff Lynn Arnow is in communications with the Superintendent regarding the Board of Education false alarm violations to convey to the schools to be more diligent with their alarms.

Deputy Chief Byrnes reports there were 65 arrests for the month of June. There was one case of a child being left alone in the vehicle. This has become a big topic in the news. There were 5 DUI cases for the month of June.

Commissioner Liggins asked for an update on the break-ins to vehicles. Deputy Chief Byrnes reported that the Long Hill area is being affected. The break-ins are occurring overnight with vehicles being left unlocked in the driveways. Deputy Chief reported that the midnight Patrol Division has been informed of the break-ins and they will look at any suspicious vehicles especially during the late hours of the night.

Traffic Report

Lieutenant Thomas Savarese provided a report on traffic complaints/issues for the month of June.

- Speeding complaints on Chestnut Hill Road and Williams Road. The speed trailer was placed on Chestnut Hill Road and the traffic division will continue to monitor the speeding complaints.
- Speeding complaint was received on Strobel Road, the Patrol Division along with the Traffic Division has been notified and they will monitor. Also, there is a problem with the roadway conditions regarding the line markings; the Engineering Department has been notified.

- Construction will begin on Strobel Road next week, which will include sanitary improvements and there will be some detours.
- The Traffic Division concluded its investigation in June regarding a head-on motor vehicle accident that occurred in May on Huntington Turnpike at the intersection of Old Green Road and all three occupants received serious injuries are recovering. An arrest warrant issued for DUI and reckless driving.
- The speed trailer continues to be placed in different locations in town.

Deputy Chief Byrnes provided the commission with a copy of the details regarding the U.S. Attorney's award for Detective Murray that he received. The information was also emailed to the commissioners.

First Selectman Herbst made a recommendation prior to entering executive session that Chief Kiely and James Haselkamp be present for the first item, discussion of the sergeant promotion and for discussion of salary for the Chief of Police, and that First Selectman Herbst, the Police Commission and James Haselkamp be present for that discussion.

New Business

Commissioner McGovern made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for discussion of the Sergeant Promotion. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Entering into Executive Session: FS Herbst, Commissioners Liggins, McGovern, Testani, Zamarly, Chief Kiely, James Haselkamp and Vivian Munoz.

Chief Kiely and Vivian Munoz exited Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. Moved by Commissioner Zamarly, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made to promote Officer Brian Falkenstein to Sergeant. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Zamarly. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to increase Chief Kiely's salary to the amount of \$123,000.00 to be in line with other communities, which Director of Labor Relations James Haselkamp provided information to the Police Commission and to enhance any one that will take the position of Chief of Police in the future. The salary also matches other department heads within the Town of Trumbull. Moved by Commissioner Zamarly, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. 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 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vivian Munoz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of Commission