



# Town of Trumbull

## TRUMBULL POLICE COMMISSION

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## POLICE COMMISSION

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CHRIS TREFZ, COMMISSIONER

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### **Trumbull Police Commission Meeting January 10, 2023 MINUTES**

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the recitation of the pledge and moment of silence.

Members present: Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., Chairman  
Angelo Magliocco, Vice Chairman  
Mary Beth Thornton, Commissioner  
Chris Trefz, Commissioner

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo  
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Detective Sergeant Robert Coppola  
Officer Susan Hamilton  
First Selectman Vicki Tesoro

#### **Approval of the December 15, 2022 Special Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Commissioner Thornton to accept the Special Police Commission meeting minutes of December 15, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of the December 6, 2022 Special Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Commissioner Thornton to accept the Special Police Commission meeting minutes of December 6, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Chief's Report**

### *Correspondence*

Email from Lt. Borelli, Connecticut State Police, thanking Detective Lavin as he is part of the Auto Theft Task Force. Det. Lavin assisted with an investigation of stolen vehicles and twenty (20) key fobs from a dealership. With the help of Detective Lavin the vehicles were located and identified the suspects.

### **Operations**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls for Service Report for the month of December. A weekly report of the calls for service is being posted on Facebook as well to share with the public. The Department ended with just under 21,000 calls for service for 2022.

Chairman Baldwin asked if a total of Medical Calls per month is shown on the report provided.

Chief Lombardo indicated that it is not listed but will have that added to the future reports.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Criminal Incidents Report for the month of December.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Report for the month of December.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Alarms for the month of December.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Incident Statistics Report for the month of December.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the report from SRO Duva for the month of December.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the K-9 Reports from K-9 Officer G. Lee for the month of December.

Chief Lombardo reported for the month of December, there were nine (9) juvenile referrals.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Arrest Summary Report for Adults for the month of December.

Chief Lombardo commented that there is no Traffic Report as the officers are now assisting the Patrol Division due to staff shortage. The officers will still do traffic studies or follow up on traffic complaints on an as needed basis.

### **Detective Division Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Division Monthly Activity report provided for the month of December. Chief Lombardo commented that there were no report of Catalytic Converters stolen in the month of December. That was due to a very major arrest, he believes in New Jersey that the FBI was involved in and recovered Catalytic Converters worth millions of dollars.

Commissioner Trefz asked about an article he believes Shelton is placing ID on the Catalytic Converters.

Chief Lombardo was not aware and he would look into that article.

Chairman Baldwin asked to let First Selectman Tesoro speak as she need to attend another meeting.

First Selectman Tesoro shared her appreciation to all the Officers as it was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day yesterday. FS Tesoro thanked the officers not only yesterday, she thanks them every day for their service to the Town of Trumbull.

FS Tesoro shared that the funding for the pension passed both the Board of Finance and the Town Council for the analysis. FS Tesoro indicated that an emergency legislative was approved and Tom McCarthy will now go forward with the next steps. The analysis will begin as soon as possible. FS Tesoro gave instructions for the consultant to do the police department's pension analysis first. FS Tesoro hopes within three months there will be a report.

Chairman Baldwin asked if the police department's pension analysis will be conducted separate from the other departments or the analysis be combined together.

FS Tesoro responded that she would not like to say what the process will be at this time.

Commissioner Thornton would like to make sure that as First Selectman, she supports reinstating some type of defined pension plan for the police.

FS Tesoro indicated that she has made it clear that she does support reinstating a defined pension plan. The financials need to be looked at first. This is why an analysis is being conducted to make sure the Town of Trumbull can afford to reinstate a defined pension plan. As the Commission is aware, FS Tesoro can say she supports reinstating the defined pension plan but the town needs the support of the Board of Finance and Town Council. FS Tesoro will do her best as she has in the past to share her opinion.

Commissioner Magliocco indicated if the Commission can do anything to help the Board of Finance and Town Council understand the situation, they are available. As there might not be a good understanding on the need to reinstate the defined pension plan.

FS Tesoro commented that she does believe that all of the elected officials understand the situation. The advocacy and support is important. FS Tesoro indicated the analysis needs to be looked at to make an educated decision.

Chairman Baldwin asked if in 90 days there will be an analysis report.

FS Tesoro responded that is what the company indicated. FS Tesoro hopes the analysis will be completed in that time frame.

Chairman Baldwin thanked FS Tesoro for attending the meeting and providing an update.

FS Tesoro responded you're welcome and let her know when the Commission would like her to return and she will provide them with any updates she has. FS Tesoro also indicated as she has said before, this is a collective bargaining issue and wants to make sure nothing clouds part on the process.

Chief Lombardo continued the monthly reports.

### **Training Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Monthly Activity report for the month of December. Chief Lombardo commented on the Peer Support Training, he believes it is very important for the officers to have someone to speak within the Department. It is confidential. The Peer Support groups was created approximately four years ago.

Chief Lombardo also commented on Officer Markus who graduated first in his class at the Bridgeport Police Academy. Officer Markus received

recognition at the CPCA (Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association) meeting.

### **Cadet Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Cadet Report for the month of December.

### **Sick/Injury Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the sick/injury report for the department for the month of December.

### **Budget**

The Overtime account has 23% left for the rest of the 50% of the year. The FS and Commission is well aware of this. The Department is controlling the overtime as much as possible. The overtime account will be over this fiscal year as it was last fiscal year. Chief Lombardo shared that the Department will end the overtime account with over \$1.3M. The Department budgeted and was approved for \$950,000.00.

Commissioner Thornton asked if the amount requested in the past (\$950,000) will be increased in the following budget.

AC Byrnes indicated yes, a request to increase the Overtime amount will be done.

### **New Business**

#### ***Grievance No. 22-05 – Officer Susan Hamilton – Step 2***

Officer Susan Hamilton joined the Commission. Officer Hamilton provided a summary to the Commission.

Union Representative Coppola asked the Chairman if the grievance should be discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Baldwin indicated it is up to the grievant.

Officer Hamilton requested that the grievance be discussed in Executive Session.

Motion was made at 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Trefz to enter into Executive Session to discuss Grievance No. 22-05 – Officer Susan Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Magliocco. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Present in Executive Session, Commissioners Baldwin, Magliocco, Thornton and Trefz also Chief Lombardo, AC Byrnes, Det. Sgt. Coppola and Officer Hamilton.

Motion was made at 7:10 p.m. by Commissioner Thornton to exit Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Magliocco. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Chairman Trefz in respect to matter of Grievance No. 22-05, Officer Susan Hamilton, the Police Commissioners have come to a resolution which will be written and provided to Chief Lombardo for approval, seconded by Commission Thornton. The matter is now closed. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Trefz, seconded by Commissioner Magliocco to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission