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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Department
March 9, 2021

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order via virtual at 6:02 p.m.

Members present: Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., Chairman
Angelo Magliocco, Vice Chairman
Chris Trefz

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto

Absent: John Vazzano
Albert Zamary

Public Comment

Opened Public Comment at 6:33 pm.

There were no public comments. Public Comment was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of the February 9, 2021 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner Trefz, seconded by Commissioner Magliocco. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Correspondence

Card received thanking all officers for servicing and protecting the public.

Pictures shared some officers and employees from the Hawley Lane McDonalds who brought in coffee and pastries for the department on February 10. There was a note that read, "Hero's don't always wear capes they wear uniforms!"

Letter from a Trumbull resident, complementing the officers who responded to an emergency call at her home and assisted her 92-year-old father, who is retired Bridgeport Police Officer. The officer who responded to the call, Officer Caitlin Murphy, spoke with him about his police days as the EMTs were preparing to transport him to the hospital. This kept her father calm and she was happy the officer was kind and responsive to her father.

Email from the State approving the Departments First Responder License Renewal.

Operations

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls for Service Report for the month of February, which showed 1,140 calls.

The Motor Vehicle Enforcement Report for the month of February showed 66 Motor Vehicle stops, One DUI, 15 Motor Vehicle Complaints and 47 Motor Vehicle Warnings.

The Criminal Activity Report for the month of February showed 46 incidents in total. The Thefts from Motor Vehicles has decreased significantly for the month of February. Chief Lombardo believes it is due to presence of the officers in the field and residents locking their vehicles. The officers responded to 88 Alarms.

Incident Statistics Report for the month of February showed 1,140 cases.

The SRO Reports showed the Activities for SRO Bartosik, Duva and Federowicz for the month February. Officer Federowicz has assisted with Traffic Enforcement at Daniels Farm School and Booth Hill School. There have been complaints about vehicles backing up on Daniels Farm Road and Booth Hill Road. The Department has been working with Public Works and the Superintendent's office about both the traffic concerns for Daniels Farm School and Booth Hill School. This is occurring because many parents are driving their children to and from school. The Traffic Division and Schools are working on a solution for the traffic.

The K-9 Monthly Activity Report for the month of February showed the training, meetings and cases.

For the month of February, there were two juvenile referrals.

The Arrest Summary Report for Adults showed there were 19 arrests for the month of February.

Traffic Division

The Traffic Report showed 40 cases for the month of February that Officer Siljamaki handled. Memo to Patrol Supervisors to read at Line-Up of Traffic Issues/Complaints received and to have the Patrol Officers conduct traffic enforcement in those areas listed.

Detective Division Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Division Monthly Activity report for the month of February. The division has 31 open cases.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Monthly Status Report for February. There were three vehicles stolen in the month of February and three stolen vehicles were recovered.

AC Byrnes indicated there is a significant number of cases the Detectives are working on and it shows, as there have been seven Arrest Warrant Applications.

Training

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report for the month of February. Some Training is still being conducted by Zoom, but some Training is starting to be done in person. Chief Lombardo commented specifically on the Penn State Leadership & Command Training that Lieutenants have attended and have indicated it is a very good training session. The Department will continue to send the Lieutenants to this training session.

Chairman Baldwin asked about the training pertaining to the passing of the Police Accountability Bill, and whether the Chiefs were able to get a delay in the start of the training.

Chief Lombardo responded that they have but the biggest concern is the Use of Force, which was supposed to be in effect April 1. Chief Lombardo is not aware of a Department in the state, including the State Police, which would be ready, as it would take a lot of training. They need to find vendors and they need to find people to train the officers. The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association asked for the start date to be delayed about 18 months or so. Chief Lombardo believes the start that will be January of 2022.

Cadet Report

The Cadet Activity Report showed planning meetings for the month of February.

Sick/Injury Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the sick/injury report for the department for February.

Budget

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Budget Report. Chief Lombardo asked if there were any specific questions pertaining to the current year to date budget. There was none.

Chief Lombardo asked AC Byrnes to provide a brief update as today the Department presented the budget to the Board of Finance. The budget was presented to the First Selectman quite a while ago and she made some cuts. The Chief believes it is a good budget for the Department in which the First Selectman is providing a 5.1% increase to the Police Budget.

AC Byrnes indicated that in one of the previous meetings a summary of the budget was provided. He believes that in all the years he has worked on the budget he believes this has been a very reasonable package that was presented. As he explained in an earlier meeting, due to the contract settlement just from last year, the only line that had a significant increase was the Full Time Salaries. This account represents about three-quarters of the entire budget. As seen in the report, the account is slightly over spent primarily because they are drawing from rates that are two years old. He indicated that the Department is fortunate that the First Selectman is providing a 5.1% budget increase for 2021-2022. AC Byrnes projects for the end of the fiscal year is that the Department will be very close to where the budget should be.

Chairman Baldwin complimented the great job that AC Byrnes and Chief Lombardo are doing in managing the budget. He is very pleased that the town has given the budget increase.

Old Business

Building Renovation

AC Byrnes provided some good news from the last update, the installation of the fence around the Shooting Range ventilation system has been completed. The Building Committee will be meeting and will be addressing a couple of small finishing work items that needs to be completed in the Shooting Range and will be planning very shortly to close out the project.

Chairman Baldwin asked when the Building Renovation project would be completed. He also mentioned in the near future to have an open house for the Board of Finance and Town Council.

AC Byrnes believes within the next two months the project should be completed.

Chairman Baldwin also thought about possibly doing a video walk through of the renovation area to share with the Tax Payers. Chairman Baldwin thanked Commissioner Magliocco for his leadership on the project.

New Business

Discussion and Consideration of Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto Contract Extension

Chief Lombardo explained that Deputy Chief Scinto's contract states that if his contract is not renegotiated and renewed it automatically renews for one year. The contract is in that time frame of this decision. The one thing that the Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief have is additional vacation time this year, but there is no provision in their contracts for carryover, beyond a certain amount. Chief Lombardo has spoken with the First Selectman and Tom McCarthy of Human Resource and Director of Finance and the Chief has suggested that Deputy Chief Scinto be able to carryover additional vacation time and the same for Assistant Chief Byrnes. The First Selectman is in agreement with this

and ask the Chief to bring this to the Police Commission for a vote to approve the carryover of additional vacation time.

Chairman Baldwin indicated that there were so many challenges this past year. He is strongly in favor of extending DC Scinto's contract. He is glad DC Scinto will be staying on for another year. Chairman Baldwin also approves of the carryover of their vacation and would like to entertain a motion.

Motion was made by Chairman Baldwin to extend Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto's contract for a year and carryover vacation time for Deputy Chief Scinto and Assistant Chief Byrnes, seconded by Commissioner Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magliocco indicated that the one-year contract extension for Deputy Chief Scinto was mutually agreed upon. DC Scinto is a great professional to the Trumbull Police Department. It is appreciated that he will be staying on an additional year especially during these difficult times due to COVID.

Chairman Baldwin indicated that the Department has an exceptional leadership team and cannot stay that enough and really appreciates what they do for the Department and the Town of Trumbull. There is no hesitation from the Chairman to recommend that Deputy Chief Scinto stay with the Department for another year.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Trefz and seconded by Commissioner Magliocco to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission