



# Town of Trumbull

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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Trumbull Police Department  
May 12, 2020

### MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order via virtual at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., Chairman  
Angelo Magliocco, Vice Chairman  
Lisa Labella  
Chris Trefz  
Al Zamary

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo  
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto  
First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro

Absent: John Vazzano

### **Public Comment**

Opened Public Comment at 6:01 pm. There was no public comments. Public Comment was closed at 6:01 p.m.

### **Comments from First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro**

First Selectman Tesoro would like to thank all the First Responders, EMS, Fire and Emergency Management for keeping the community safe and healthy. Thank you again to all on behalf of the Community. First Selectman Tesoro also thanked all the other town employees how have been working diligently. First Selectman Tesoro indicated back in April the Town Council passed a Deferment Program for municipal property taxes. Board of Finance voted on the Town Budget and it now in the hands of the Town Council, they would be voting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Finance Department will set the Mill Rate sometime in June. She also indicated she began to open Town places within community. The town residents followed the restrictions and town guidelines and there has been great cooperation. Old Mine Park, Twin Brooks Park and Tashua Golf Course have been reopened. Recently she

added Great Oak Park and the Tennis Courts at Tashua Knolls. All these locations have been opened with restrictions and guidelines to keep the community safe. First Selectman thanks the Police and Park Rangers for assisting in monitoring the areas. Regarding the Town Governor Lamont is going to begin to reopen the state in phase approach, which will begin May 20<sup>th</sup>. The mall plans to reopen on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The mall has a detailed plan for reopening. Chief Lombardo will be involved with the discussion to assure the PD is comfortable with reopening plans and providing security as it has been done in the past. First Selectman Tesoro has formed two committees for the town to help in the process of re-opening the town. Trumbull Government Operations Recovery Committee which is in the process in preparing a detailed plan to re-open town hall and other facilities in a systematic and orderly safe manner to protect town employees and the public. The committee is doing a great job and there has been no designated time of when Town Hall will re-open. The other Committee, Long Term Recovery Committee that will be doing specifically in the phase reopening of businesses and commercial centers throughout the town. There will be another virtual Town Hall meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. First Selectman commented that she would like to continue to enforce social distancing even with the reopening of the town.

Chairman Baldwin applauded First Selectman Tesoro and her administration on how they have all handled this and for keeping the town safe and being cautious. The participation of the resident from the town, which has been helpful. Chairman Baldwin believes the numbers are less than surrounding towns he believes it is due to the adhering to the regulations of the Governors Officer and her Office.

First Selectman thanked the Chairman but indicated that she does not do this alone; she has great people that she works with every day, town leaders and department heads. First Selectman indicated that Megan Murphy shared with her that other towns in the state are looking at Trumbull as an example as how we have kept the town running smoothly. That is credit to all of those who work for the town.

#### **Approval of the March 10, 2020 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2020 as presented. Motion made first by Zmary, seconded by Labella. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Chief's Report**

##### **Correspondence**

Letter from Trumbull Resident whose car was involved in a hit and run at Trumbull Center. Officer Murphy followed up on investigation and the resident was appreciate of Officers Murphy's help.

Email from Lt. Rhew of the Stratford Police Department thanking officers Bartosik and Anderson as they assisted them with their monthly training on Tactical Casualty Care.

### **Operations**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls-for-Service report for the month of March and April. He reported that no tickets or summons have been issued for social distancing or trespassing. Thanks goes to the Officers and especially the Dispatchers, as they are the ones that receive the calls first and send the officers to any of the calls received. The officers are doing a great job also as they are out there 24/7 going to every call. They are given personnel protective equipment to protect themselves. As we protect them, we are also protecting their families. Chief Lombardo thanked the officers and dispatchers again. The officers have minimal contact with the public. Should anyone from the public need to be in contact with the officer they are all to wear a mask.

The Motor Vehicle Enforcement report showed the MV Warning, DUI Arrests, MV Complaints and MV Arrests. For the month of April and March, the totals have decreased as expected due to the pandemic. Thefts from MV slightly increased. Chief Lombardo reminded Trumbull residents once again to lock their vehicles, take your valuables and take your car keys.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Criminal Incidents report for the month of March, which showed 72 cases, and for April it showed 46 cases.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Incident Statistics Report for the month of April, which showed a total of 1892 alarms.

The Arrest Summary Report Adults showed there were 10 arrests for the month of April.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Canine Officers Report. The report provided details of the types of calls they assisted with for April.

### **Traffic Division**

The Traffic Report showed 21 cases for the month of April Officer Siljamaki handled.

The officers have spent at different trail entries and parking areas to prevent improper and illegal parking. Tickets have been issued.

### **Detective Division Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Division Monthly Activity report for the month of April. The division opened one new case; one case was closed and have 20 cases still open. Chief Lombardo referenced a case on the monthly status report in which there was a vandalism shooting. There was no specific target. Due to the hard work from the officers and the Detective Division, they were able to find the person involved and get an arrest warrant. The handgun was also located.

### **Training**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report for the month of April. The report showed the type of training and the officers who attended the training and some of the classes that were canceled due to COVID-19. The report also showed the type of community policing events the officers took part of, which have been the Birthday Parades. EMS and Fire have also taken part of these parades. It has been a great success and morale booster for the families and children due to not being able to have a party.

### **Cadet Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Cadet Activity Report for the month of April, there was no activity.

### **Sick/Injury Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the sick/injury report for the department for April. Chief Lombardo shared with the Commission that there have been several officers that have had to quarantine due to the COVID-19 exposure, but he was happy to report none of the officers tested positive. There is one officer who is on sick leave due to pre-existing conditions and there was concern of him becoming ill.

### **Budget**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Budget Report as of April 30, 2020. The overtime account has reduced about 3.6%. Chief Lombardo believes the Department will end the year within budget for the seventh year. He does not believe special appropriation will be requested and he is very happy to report that.

### **Legal Update**

COVID-19, the Department has been keeping the officers on the field away from contact with the community for their safety and from other personnel. The goal is to keep the officers as healthy as possible since the beginning of the pandemic. The officers have been provided personal protective equipment, sanitizer for their vehicles, and sanitizer for their hands. The Police Department is cleaned every day. The building is being kept as secure as possible. The public is not entering the building for any reason. There is an interview room, which is outside the front lobby if needed. The building has become more secure than in the past. Any vendor that is entering the building to do any work has to wear a mask. Even the officers have to wear a mask when inside the building. The department continues to work closely with EMS and receives as much information from Lucy Bango. Officer Fedor is in contact with St. Vincent's Center as they provide the best method to keep our officers safe. Chief Lombardo is extremely proud of the work the officers have been doing out on the field and the Dispatchers who are the call takers for any emergency.

## **Old Business**

### **Trumbull Police Station Renovation Update**

Commissioner Labella indicated there would be a meeting on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> to review invoices. The Committee met in March right before the COVID-19 shutdown. The work at the Police Station has continued.

AC Byrnes reported that the completion of the Police station renovation project is getting close. The work in the building has continued there has been no interruptions considering what is occurring.

Commissioner Labella commented that there has been conversations with neighbors on Koger Road regarding the HVAC System and the Lighting voicing their displeasure. Ms. McGannon from the First Selectman's office has been working with AC Byrnes regarding the concerns from the neighbors. Some of this might be mitigated with placing some fencing around the HVAC System. There will be other discussions on how to mitigate the concerns. There could be a delay due to the paving that will be done in the parking lot. They do not want there to be any damage to the area of the HVAC System. The neighbors are being kept informed. Commissioner Labella informed the Commission that the project is still within the budget.

Chairman Baldwin thanks Commissioner Labella and AC Byrnes for all their work on the project.

## **New Business**

### **Discussion and Consideration of July 1, 2019 Salary Increase for Chief Lombardo**

Chairman Baldwin indicated that the July 1, 2019 salary adjust was held off until the Trumbull Police Union Contract was settled and indicated it has been settled. Chairman Baldwin indicated it is his understanding the officers, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief received a 2% salary increase. He indicated to be consistent with that agreement Chairman Baldwin would like to make a motion for a 2% salary increase be made for Chief Lombardo retroactive to July 1, 2019. Commissioner Trefz asked if 2% was the percent or if it could be different. Chairman Baldwin indicated that the Commission can decide on a different percent but he indicated that there was discussion on what the percentage should be. Chairman Baldwin indicated that at the June 9, 2020 Police Commission there would be another discussion of Chief Lombardo's July 1, 2020 salary increase.

Commissioner Labella indicated she is in support of the salary increase. Working with Chief Lombardo and the Department has been an honor. Commissioner Labella continues to be impressed with the ongoing efforts that the Chief makes not only to be accessible to the Community but also to be responsible to the community. There have been many new officers that have joined the Department, which requires a lot of managing, integration, there has been increasing diversity of the work force in many different areas that is very impressive. Commissioner Labella fully supports the salary

increase and appreciates all the hard work, dedication he shows to the Commission and to the Town of Trumbull.

Chairman Baldwin made a motion for Chief Lombardo to receive a 2% salary increase to be retroactive to July 1, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Zamary. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Baldwin wished all good health and wellbeing and will meet in June.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Magliocco and seconded by Zamary to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission