



# Town of Trumbull

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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Trumbull Police Department  
June 9, 2020

### MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order via virtual at 6:06 p.m.

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

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

Absent: John Vazzano  
Al Zamary

### **Public Comment**

Opened Public Comment at 6:06 pm.

Chief Lombardo shared a message from Trumbull resident Tracy Vonick, as he was not able to participate meeting. Mr. Vonick's email read as follows, "I would especially like to thank the officers I have routinely seen patrolling the trails (on bike, motorcycle and ATV). I know it was asking a lot as the weather has certainly not been a typical spring and it's been colder and/or raining many days these last 8 weeks but keeping the trail open has been wonderful."

There was no public comments. Public Comment was closed at 6:06 p.m.

### **Approval of the May 12, 2020 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2020 as presented. Motion made first by Magliocco, seconded by Baldwin. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Baldwin made a statement, he thanked Chief Michael Lombardo and his Senior Staff, Supervisors with an exemplary manner in which they conducted themselves during the Black Lives Matter protest that took place at the Trumbull Hall Green. The crowd and officers were respectful of each and there were no incidents reported. This does not believe this happens by accident. Under Chief Lombardo's leadership and command, the professionalism of the Trumbull Police Department has been elevated to a level from the vast majority of the town residents not only respect our officers but also are proud of them. Standing in the crowd he witnessed acts of compassion and concern by our police officers and that he believes fostered an atmosphere of trust and healing. These acts of kindness and concern do not just occur in events such as Saturday's. They occur every day throughout our community by the men and women of the Trumbull Police Department and that is what believes ultimately allowed this event to be a peaceful one. The Trumbull Police Commission is proud of each and every one of the police officers and shares with your success, well done.

Chief Lombardo thanked Chairman Baldwin for his kind word about the Department.

### **Chief's Report**

#### **Correspondence**

Letter from Chief Leigh Goodman, EMS Director for the Town of Trumbull. Thanking the Police Officers for helping navigate through the public health emergency with the COVID-19 pandemic. She appreciates the ongoing professionalism, advocacy and support.

Chief Lombardo reviewed memo to Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes for his Annual Evaluation.

Chief Lombardo reviewed memo to Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto for his Annual Evaluation.

Chief Lombardo complemented both AC Byrnes and DC Scinto for doing a great job during the pandemic. They both make themselves available at all times of the day.

Chairman Baldwin commented that AC Byrnes and DC Scinto this is probably one of the strongest team leadership staff that has been with the Trumbull Police Department. Chairman Baldwin believes all the success to the Department have been due to the leadership, especially from the Chief, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief.

### **Operations**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls-for-Service report for the month of May, which showed 1892 cases.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Criminal Incidents report for the month of May, which showed 106 cases.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Incident Statistics Report for the month of May, which showed a total of 1891 alarms.

The Arrest Summary Report Adults showed there were 20 arrests for the month of May.

### **Traffic Division**

The Traffic Report showed 50 cases for the month of May Officer Siljamaki handled.

### **Detective Division Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Division Monthly Activity report for the month of May. The division opened 15 new cases; one case was closed and have 35 open cases. Chief Lombardo also reviewed the Monthly Status Report for the month of May with the different type of investigations/call outs.

Chief Lombardo commented that during the month of May there were forty-five (45) unlocked motor vehicles report to have been entered. Chief Lombardo stressed to the community to lock their vehicles and do not leave any valuables.

### **Training**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report for the month of May. 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; there were 57 Birthday Parades for the month of May. 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 May, which showed a couple Zoom meetings and placement of flags to the veteran's at their gravesites.

### **Sick/Injury Report**

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

### **Budget**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Budget Report as of June 4, 2020 the department is just about 2% under the overall budget allocation. The overtime account has reduced

Chief Lombardo reported that everything went well with the protest that occurred at Town Hall. The officers did a fantastic job, which was under the direction of Deputy Chief Scinto. The Chief did not receive any complaints, he received positive feedback on the professionalize of the officers.

Chief Lombardo shared with the Police Commission that the Department would soon be accredited. The Department was supposed to be inspected on March 31, 2020 but due to COVID-19, the inspection was canceled. All the policies have been completed and the Police Academy has informed the Department that the policies meet or are above standards in order to meet accreditation. This has been in the works for almost 5 years. DC Scinto, Lt. Smith and Lt. Allen have been working on the policies.

### **Old Business**

#### **Discussion of 5085 Main Street**

Mr. Knuff thanked the Commission, Chief Lombardo and DC Scinto for placing them on the project on the agenda. Mr. Knuff indicated that there is a special permit application, which has been submitted to Planning and Zoning for a residential development that will be presented to P&Z in a public hearing on July 15, 2020. An application was submitted for the project. Mr. Knuff went over in detail about the project.

Mr. Shepley and Mr. Greenberg was also present at the meeting and they been working on the 5085 Main Street project. Mr. Shepley also went over the residential development. A traffic study was conducted in the area and discussed further in detail. Mr. Shepley reviewed his presentation with the Commission.

Chairman Baldwin asked would there be curb cuts or access directly on to Main Street from the site.

Mr. Shepley replied there would be curb cuts on Main Street, they are proposing in from both direction from Main Street and right out only onto Main Street. There will also be access on the main mall driveway.

The Commission and the presenters had a detailed discussion of the area and where not in agreement now on what is being presented with the exiting area. The Commission requested that they review the recommendations provided by DC Scinto and please return to the next Police Commission meeting to discuss further.

Chairman Baldwin asked if the Police Department had any input.

DC Scinto indicated that Sgt. Coutinho conducted a study of the area and the concerns where provided to Mr. Knuff. The biggest concern was the left hand turn lane onto Main Street into the complex that would be crossing three southbound lanes of traffic. DC Scinto indicated there should be a right turn in and right turn out onto Main Street.

Left hand turns out onto Main Street should not be allowed, as it is a busy intersection as it is 260 feet away from the Parkway ramps.

There was further discussion that the plans presented need to be looked into further with the recommendations provided from DC Scinto. The Commission agreed upon not moving forward with approving the plans presented.

Mr. Knuff indicated that they are willing to do reasonable accommodations in response to the memo from Sgt. Coutinho.

The Commission asked Mr. Knuff to please return to the July Police Commission meeting to discuss further and represent their plans with the recommendations that have been requested.

A motion was made by Magliocco to rescind the motion that was presented to approve the 5085 Main Street as presented and table to discuss further in the July Police Commission meeting, seconded by Labella. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

AC Byrnes provided the Commission and indicated that the project is nearing its completion for the interior. The only item that is unresolved is the exterior ventilation unit for the Shooting Range. AC Byrnes has been working with Public Works with options for the enclosure of the unit on the outside.

Commissioner Labella asked for the status on the ventilation for the three (3) cellblocks.

AC Byrnes shared with the Commissioners what occurred with the ventilation of the cellblocks there was a balancing test conducted on the HVAC unit and it was determined that the exhaust for the cell block was inadequate. Therefore, some of the cellblocks had to be closed off. It was determined that the exhaust vent is the responsibility of the Town. Public Works in involved in assisting to correct the issue.

There were no further questions.

Chief Lombardo indicated that AC Byrnes has been in contact with the neighbors and providing them updates with solution on the ventilation sound in terms of covering the unit.

Chairman Baldwin asked if the site remediation have been addressed.

Commissioner Labella indicated if what Chairman Baldwin is referring to is the noise and appearance there have been conversations between the Police Department and Public Works in working on a plan. Commissioner Labella believes the implementation needs

to wait until the parking lot is completed. Commissioner Labella asked if that is correct. AC Byrnes indicated that Public Works indicated that the covering for the unit could be done now.

**New Business**

None.

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