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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting July 13, 2021

MINUTES

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

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

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto

Public Comment

Opened Public Comment at 6:02 pm.

There were no public comments. Public Comment was closed at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of the June 8, 2021 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2021 as presented. Motion made by Commissioner Trefz, seconded by Commissioner Thornton. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Correspondence

A phone call was received from a Trumbull resident thanking Officer Susan Hamilton for assisting her with a question. Officer Hamilton was a 'a big help'.

Email from Captain Keith Golding congratulating SRO Weston Bartosik who is assigned to Madison Middle School for receiving "The Lenny" award. The award is presented as part of the end of the year staff appreciation.

Donation from "The Ernest & Joan Trefz Foundation" was received in the amount of \$2,500 to be used for the Canine Unit. Chief Lombardo asked Commissioner Trefz to thank his mother for the donation. The Department has two (2) canines and it is heartwarming to see that there are people that support the Canine Unit.

Email from Sergeant Paul Coutinho regarding Officer Robert Pysz as he conducted a minor investigation on a collision. Officer Pysz was commended by one of the motorists for his professionalism and courtesy while he assisted on the call.

Email from the Long Hill Methodist Church Pastor. The Pastor arrived the church and noticed some graffiti on one of the signs. Officer Robert Pysz responded to the call and not only did he handle the case, Officer Pysz cleaned off the offensive graffiti.

Email received by Kevin Petriello from Town Hall, he was very impressed on how Officer Sara Ball handled herself and with a smile at the intersection of Quality Street and Town Hall parking lot on Memorial Day.

Operations

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls for Service Report for the month of June, which showed 1558 calls.

The Motor Vehicle Enforcement Report for the month of June showed 223 Motor Vehicle Enforcement stops.

The Criminal Incidents Report for the month of June showed 37 total. The report also showed 111 Alarms for the month of June.

Incident Statistics Report for the month of June showed 1540 cases.

The SRO Reports showed the Activities and Training for SRO Bartosik, Duva and Federowicz for the month June. The School Resource Officers are re-assigned to the Patrol Division during the summer which will assist to back fill shifts without having to pay as much overtime due to summer vacation.

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

For the month of June, there were two (2) juvenile referrals.

The Arrest Summary Report for Adults showed there were 28 arrests for the month of June.

Traffic Division

Chief Lombardo shared with the Commissioners that Officer Ryan Tantimonico has been assigned to the Traffic Division as there was a vacancy. Officer Tantimonico will attend specialized training for Accident Investigations and Advanced Accident Reconstruction. He will be part of the Accident Reconstruction Squad.

Officer Kyle Siljamaki has been assigned to the Technical Investigations Unit which is based in Fairfield County will eleven (11) other Departments. This assignment has been long overdue as just about every case the Department handles has to do with Technology. This assignment is a part-time position. The Unit will send Officer Siljamaki to training in Alabama. This is training the Secret Service handles. The training will be at no cost to the Department. They pay for room and board. Officer Siljamaki could be at the training for one week to five weeks.

Chairman Baldwin asked if there are any openings in the FBI Academy.

Chief Lombardo responded there are none. Chief Lombardo believes the Department is four to five years out before they get another seat at the FBI Academy.

The Traffic Report showed 88 cases for the month of June. 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 June. The division had 31 open cases, 10 new cases and closed one case for the month of June. The Report showed 62 Fingerprinting cases.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Monthly Status Report for June.

Chief Lombardo brought up the June 4, 2021 Investigation, 900 White Plains Road on the Status Report. The suspects that were involved in this

incident where arrested on July 9, 2021 for the same incident, theft of cooking oil.

Training

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report for the month of June.

The Department has added three (3) officers to the Bicycle Unit.

Cadet Report

The Cadet Activity Report showed meetings for the month of June. The program is overseen by Lieutenant Brian Weir and Officer Timothy Fedor. Officers Emily Gisvold, Robert Capone and Brian Federowicz are Advisors and assist with the Cadets. Currently there are 14 Cadets.

Sick/Injury Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the sick/injury report for the department for June, which showed a total of 87.

Budget

Chief Lombardo reported that the Department ended the Fiscal Year really well, considering there were three years of raises that was not in the Budget due to the Trumbull Police Contract was under negotiation. The funds to cover the raises is in a Contingency Account per Finance Director Maria Pires. There was no need to request a special appropriation. Chief Lombardo believes this will be the seventh year there has been no need to request a special appropriation.

Chief Lombardo mentioned the Department is currently eight (8) officers short. Chief Lombardo has been working with Human Resource and the First Selectman's office for quite some time in giving another Entry Level Police Officer Test. One was given in June. The Department has some seats at the Police Academy for September. Chief Lombardo spoke with Lieutenant Weir who handles the recruitment and stressed to stay on top of the process as to once the candidates that passed the written test are to be interviewed. The next step would be the background investigation which are extensive.

Chief Lombardo shared there are three or four candidates remaining from the previous list.

Chief Lombardo shared a current officer with the Department might be leaving to work for another Department as they provide them with a pension. The Department might lose another officer due to the same reason.

Old Business

Evaluation Review and Consideration of Compensatory for Chief Michael Lombardo

Chairman Baldwin indicated that Chief Lombardo submitted a very detail accounting of his activities for the past year. Chairman Baldwin shared his sentiments along with everyone's on the Police Commission the outstanding job Chief Lombardo has done during a very difficult time due to COVID and other things that have occurred in the past year.

Chairman Baldwin made a recommendation that Chief Lombardo's compensation be increased by 2 ½ percent. Chairman Baldwin spoke with First Selectman Tesoro and agreed with the 2 ½ percent compensation increase.

Commissioner Thornton seconded Chairman Baldwin's recommendation as she believes Chief Lombardo has done a fantastic job especially during COVID. Also as evidence of what Chief Lombardo shared regarding the budget, Chief Lombardo has kept the budget to where it should be. Chief Lombardo does not put any strain to the Town of Trumbull. It is a positive win, win for everyone. Commissioner Thornton commented they are very fortunate to have Chief Lombardo.

Chief Lombardo thanked Commissioner Thornton.

Commissioner Magliocco indicated the compensation increase is also in line with other Department Heads. Commissioner Magliocco has worked with Chief Lombardo for quite some time, his open line of communication with the Commission is great. Chief Lombardo keeps the Commission abreast with what is occurring and definitely does a good job with all the higher ranking. Commissioner Magliocco also indicated the Department is well respected in the community.

Chief Lombardo indicated he has a good support staff.

Commissioner Trefz complimented Chief Lombardo on a job well done. Ever since Commissioner Trefz joined the Commission, Chief Lombardo has been accurate on the budget and once again job well done and commented to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Champion indicated even though she is new to the Commission, she has known Chief Lombardo through the First Selectman's office. Chief Lombardo has always been professional, welcoming and open to conversations and answered any questions. Commissioner

Champion indicated from a birds eye view before she joined the Commission the Department has always seemed to be very well run. Chief Lombardo is very well respected here and in the Community. Commissioner Champion commented Chief Lombardo serves Trumbull very well. Commissioner Champion supports Chief Lombardo's raise.

Chief Lombardo thanked the Commission.

Chief Lombardo asked if the motion could reflect his compensation increase be retroactive from July 1, 2021.

Motion was made by Chairman Baldwin that Chief Lombardo's compensation be increased by 2 ½ percent retroactive to July 1, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Magliocco. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

None.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Trefz and seconded by Commissioner Champion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission