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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Department – Chief’s Conference Room
Tuesday, May 21, 2013

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm.

Members Present: Lino Costantini
Alfred Liggins
Roger McGovern
Albert Zarnary

Also Present: Chief Thomas H. Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Lieutenant Thomas Savarese
Officer Richard Carlson
Officer Michael Pires

Absent: Philip DiGennaro
Jack Testani

Approval of April 16, 2013 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2013 as presented.
MOTION made 1st by Commissioner McGovern, 2nd by Commissioner Costantini. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Correspondence

None.

Chief Kiely's Report

- Chief Kiely informed the Commission that Officer Pires is present at tonight's meeting as he would like to present an award to him. Deputy Chief Byrnes nominated Officer Pires for the Merit of Excellent Arrest award for his continuing efforts and accomplishments with drug enforcement that have resulted in numerous arrests and seizures of contraband. Officer Richard Carlson was also commended for his hard work in assisting with the drug enforcement with K-9 Cyrus.
- On May 5, 2013 there was the Newtown Memorial "Green Ribbon" Motorcycle Ride with approximately 2,000-3,000 motorcycles participating. The Police Explorers from Shelton, Bridgeport and Fairfield assisted in the event. Everything ran smoothly.
- The Trumbull Police Department assisted the Connecticut State Police with a case that started as a missing person from Eastern Connecticut State University which ended up in Trumbull, where the missing body was found on Quarry Road.
- There are four (4) new officers in recruit training at the Police Academy, three (3) are in Meriden and one (1) in New Haven who will be graduating at the end of June.
- A new advertisement has been done for hiring Police Officers. The Chief mentioned that the town needs to do a better job in advertising the hiring of Police Officers. He showed the Commission the advertisement for Fairfield Police Department and it was a very appealing advertisement vs. the one for the Town of Trumbull. The Commission agreed that the advertisement from Fairfield is better. The Commission asked if the Police Department is responsible for the advertising, Chief Kiely responded that Mary Ann Meier from Civil Service handles the advertising. Chief Kiely will contact Ms. Meier about changing the advertisement.
- The Promotional test for Lieutenant and Sergeant will be conducted in August.
- Lt. Savarese updated the Commission on last month's complaint from Mr. Ceruzzi. Lt. Savarese indicated that it was not a citizen's complaint; it was a request to review the case of the accident. Lt. Savarese met with Mr. Ceruzzi and he believes the case has been resolved.
- The Department is still in need of an IT person and Bill Chin is working on hiring one who will help the Police Department.
- The Towing Policy is complete; the next step is to advertise which will be done within the next week. It will be advertised in the CT Post and the Town website. Applications will also be available for pick up at Police Department for any interested businesses.
- Chief Kiely informed the Commission that the Radio System Upgrade is moving forward. The Police Department will go before the Board of Finance requesting bonding for the project. The architect will be Brian Humes who has done many renovation projects for Public Safety agencies.

Chief Kiely requested that the Commission approve for the Police Department to go before the Board of Finance to request bonding for the Radio Communications Project.

Commissioner McGovern made a motion that Chief Kiely go before the Board of Finance for the Police Department's Radio Communications Upgrade. MOTION made 1st by Commissioner McGovern, 2nd by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner McGovern asked the status of the tower at police headquarters. Chief Kiely responded that the attorneys are handling this. Commissioner Costantini asked if the tower is being handled by the attorneys, what would happen if they lose the case. Chief Kiely responded that the tower is already approved; only the height remains in question.

Commissioner Zamary asked about Nelson Ambulance being investigated. Chief Kiely responded that EMS Director Joseph Laucella is aware. They have a contract with Nelson and Mr. Laucella will determine how that will be handled.

- Lt. Savarese provided an update on the Whitney Avenue trail crossing; he forwarded a report to Town Engineering for them to consider a traffic study. This has been an ongoing issue for many years. The Town Engineer will take a look at Whitney Avenue and see what can be done. In the meantime there has been enforcement on Whitney Avenue and there have been 10 (ten) citations issued for speeding. Commissioner Zamary asked Lt. Savarese if there has been a survey done in the past. Lt. Savarese responded that there has been. This issue is beyond signage. Chief Kiely mentioned they are looking into LED warning lights. Commissioner McGovern mentioned that on Route 111 near Main Street, "caution" lights flash when a runner/walker approaches the crossing point and they press a button to notify cars that someone will be crossing. Chief Kiely suggested that a Traffic Engineer be hired for the ideas that the Commission is proposing but the Commission will need to determine where the money will come from. Detailed discussion followed and the Commission agreed to meet with the Town Engineer to discuss further.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting. MOTION made 1st by Commissioner Costantini, 2nd by Commissioner McGovern to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 7:35 pm. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission