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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Town Hall
April 8, 2014

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Jack Testani, Chairman
Lino Costantini
Alfred Liggins
Roger McGovern
Albert Zamary

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn C. Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Lieutenant Thomas Savarese
Lieutenant Leonard Scinto
Reverend Joseph Piccirillo

Absent: Philip DiGennaro

Public Comments

The Chair opened Public Comment at 7:01 p.m.

Reverend Piccirillo just wanted to let the commission know that the Trumbull Police Department is second to none in terms of the work the officers do. Last year at the Award Ceremony in the Council Chambers Reverend Piccirillo had the opportunity to give a prayer. He was impressed with the awards, he wishes that more people knew of the good work the officers do.

There being no other public comments Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comment at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the February 11, 2014 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes as presented. Moved by Commissioner Zmary, seconded by Commissioner Costantini. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the March 19, 2014 Special Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the March 19, 2014 minutes as presented. Moved by Commissioner Liggins, seconded by Commissioner Zmary. MOTION CARRIED with TWO ABSTENTIONS COMMISSIONERS Costantini and McGovern.

Chief Kiely's Report

Reverend Joseph Piccirillo Pastor of the Nichols United Methodist Church in Trumbull, 22 Shelter Rock Road. He is a member of the Nichols Fire Department as a fire chaplain and a firefighter. He is married with wife Sandy, 3 cats and enjoys being part of this town where he grew up.

Chief Kiely was informed at a Connecticut Chiefs meeting that he needed to have a police Chaplin. Chief Kiely reached out to the Fire Department and spoke with Shawn Rice and he was able to provide a Chaplin which was Reverend Piccirillo. Reverend Piccirillo has already assisted the police department as there was need to notify a family of an untimely death in Trumbull. Chief Kiely thanked Reverend Piccirillo for all his help.

Commissioner Costantini made a motion to officially name Reverend Joseph Piccirillo as a Police Chaplin for the Trumbull Police Department. Moved by Commissioner Costantini, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

- Letter from Shelton Police Department, thanking the department for their assistance and the use of the motorcycles with the funeral of Kristjan Ndoj.
- Article in the Trumbull Times, Trumbull's police dogs to get protective vests. The K-9 officers were approached by Groupon Grassroots. K-9s Cyrus and Storm were fitted for their vests and is free of cost for the department.
- Letter from Harriet Polansky commending Officer Perkowski.
- Thank you note from Mr. Barrett with the assistance of locating his spouse at the Westfield Shopping center as she got lost.

Deputy Chief Byrnes – Operations Report

Deputy Chief Byrnes reported there were approximately 1,600 calls for service for the month of March. There were a total of 216 alarms, 36 of them where Town buildings, that number was slight higher than the normal. It appears that many Town buildings had their alarm activated at least one or more times in the month of March. Deputy Chief Harry will provide some break downs. Commissioner Costantini indicated that he feels the Town buildings should be held responsible for their alarm activations as an officer is sent to the call when the alarm is activated. Commissioner Costantini asked what is done when a Town building does activate their alarm. Deputy Chief Byrnes said that it was voted that the Town buildings be exempt of

any fees. Chief Kiely said the Town Council voted on the Alarm Ordinance, they tweaked the Alarm Ordinance and the Police Department did what other area towns did in advertising that the ordinance would go in effect in October 2013. Residents were given all different venues in informing them about the Alarm Ordinance. Chairman Testani asked the commission with their permission to meet with the First Selectman Herbst along with Chief Kiely to discuss how we can implement a plan so that the Town buildings do not create as much of a problem as there has been with the increase of alarms. First Selectman Herbst might not be aware of the fact that Town buildings alone have 36 false alarms.

Drug Violations for the month of March were 6, 5 marijuana and one prescription drug. Chief Kiely indicated that Vicki Tesoro and Melissa McGarry of TPAUD are arranging with Statewide Narcotics for a program for the High School dealing with drugs due to the increase in the community. DUI Violations for the month of March were 5. Medical Calls are increasing as it was pointed out by EMS Director. He has already seen an increase in the first quarter of this year. The department's numbers are up slightly, they are still averaging more than 5 calls per day for the month of March. There was one (1) bank robbery and Newtown Savings Bank in which Deputy Chief Harry will provide more information. There were 64 arrests for a variety of different violations for the month of March.

Chief Kiely informed the Commission that all the officers will be issued a "Bleed Bag" for officers who come across someone with a severe injury, such as severe bleeding. The bag will contain blood clotting pad, compression pad that is place on top, a tourniquet and gloves. Officer Fedor in the Training Division also handles the medical aspect and is creating the "bleed bags" for the officers should they ever need them in an accident.

Deputy Chief Harry - Detective Bureau Report

Deputy Chief Harry reports that Officer Perez, an 11 year member of the department, has been assigned to the temporary Detective position. This will be a one year learning experience. Detective Perez will be attending basic crime scene investigations training. During the month of March there were 56 fingerprints of which 19 where for Pistol Permits. There has been another phone scam claiming that there is an issue with the IRS and asking for information. It was stressed to all residents not to fall for such ruses and to notify police immediately. This goes along with the previous month regarding strangers calling and asking for money for a kidnapped relative.

The Newtown Savings bank on White Plains Road was robbed at gunpoint. Through diligent follow-up investigation by Detectives, in particular with Detective Murray, they were able to gather enough information to make one arrest. Federal agencies have also joined in the investigation and will probably take over the case.

Deputy Chief Harry also provided an update on the Alarm Status; there have been a total of 246 alarms of which 130 have been false. In addition to that number 41 have been at Town building for a total of 171 false alarms. False alarms are only for those to which officers respond and find no cause. Deputy Chief Harry shared a flyer that was sent out last year notify the new

alarm status and a “reminder” will again be included in this year’s insert to inform the residents to register their alarm. In addition, as it has been mentioned before, the notice regarding alarms has been in the CT Post, Trumbull Times, Trumbull Patch and Town website. Deputy Chief Harry also shared that from January 2014 to March 2014 it cost approximately \$5,100 out of the salary account to cover just the false alarms and if you include the town building it cost an additional \$1,100. There were 31 hours spent in responding to town building and 140 hours responding to other false alarms. The money that is collected from the false alarms goes to the General Fund and does not go to the police department’s budget accounts. Year to date there have been 345 residential alarms registered and 37 business alarms registered. Chairman Testani asked if Deputy Chief Harry would share the information about the False Alarms to the First Selectman and Carl Massaro so they can have an understanding and what has been done to inform the residents about registering their alarms. Deputy Chief Harry indicated he will share the information with them.

The Detective Bureau is working on many cases, there was one today of a suspect that was arrested who admitted to several burglaries in town in the upper Maddison area. The suspect broke into several sheds and merchandise has recovered.

Traffic Report

Lieutenant Thomas Savarese provided a report on traffic complaints/issues

- Traffic concerns due to the development on Route 25 in Monroe, CT, Trumbull Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio sent a letter to Chief Kiely documenting traffic concerns in Trumbull. Mr. Smeriglio is requesting that the letter be forwarded to the Office of the State Traffic Commission. Motion made to accepted the letter as presented to Chief Kiely by Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio. Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.
- Signage Route 108 at Route 15 south entrance ramp. Complainant requested the posting of a designated left turn lane and designated through lane on Route 108 northbound at the intersection. DOT recommended keeping the intersection as exists due to there not being an adequate merge area, lack of accident data warranting the new signage, and no current issues, which may arise if the signage is posted. DOT will support either decision by the local traffic authority. Motion made to have the State re-evaluate the situation with recommendation for “Left Turn Only” lane for northbound Route 108. Moved by Commissioner Costantini, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously
- School Zone warning lights, Daniels Farm Road. Officer Richard was assigned to check on the function of the school warning lights located on Daniels Farm Road at Wordins Lane and at Bridal Trail. They are set to activate at 0630 hours through 1600 hours. The Trumbull Public Works Department was notified to repair the lights and they are in working order. Chairman Testani asked if Lt. Savarese would check if the warning lights are on during the week only. Lt. Savarese indicated that he has been told they are set manually and will check to see if they are on during the week only.

- Speeding. Monroe Turnpike (Route 111) at the intersection of 41-51 Monroe Turnpike. Chief Kiely has sent a request for a traffic study to be conducted to the Office of the State Traffic Commission for the installation of a traffic light and or other improvements at 41-51 Monroe Turnpike. DOT has begun the process and is conducting a traffic study.

Chairman Testani asked if the speed trailer has been set at Whitney Avenue. Lt. Savarese responded that the speed trailer has been on set up at Edison Road and will be set up at Whiney Avenue as well.

Commissioner Liggins noticed at the corner of Oakview and Lindeman there is a stop sign on the ground for quite a while and should be replaced.

EMS report was not available and will be emailed to the commissioners. Chief Kiely indicated in speaking with EMS Director Laucella they have covered approximately 92% of the calls. Chairman Testani asked for Director Laucella to attend the May 13th meeting to provide a report.

Chief Kiely mentioned that the new truck for the department arrived and will be equipped with all types of medical equipment, weapons, shields, rams, etc. The truck will be ready to go, there will be no need to gather anything from the department, it will all be inside the truck. EMS is working with the department, in equipping the truck properly with medical equipment.

Personnel Matters

Commissioner Zmary made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Moved by Commissioner Zmary, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Entering into Executive Session: Commissioners Costantini, Liggins, McGovern, Testani, Zmary, Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Deputy Chief Harry, Lieutenant Savarese, Lieutenant Scinto and Vivian Munoz.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Moved by Commissioner Costantini, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made to approve the Trumbull Police Department Hiring Process for Certified Police Officers. Moved by Commissioner Costantini, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

None.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Commissioner Costantini, seconded by Commissioner Liggins the Trumbull Police Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vivian Munoz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of Commission