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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting  
Long Hill Conference Room – Town Hall  
May 14, 2015

**MINUTES**

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members present: Jack Testani, Chairman  
Alfred Liggins  
Roger McGovern  
Daniel Portanova  
Albert Zamary

Absent: Philip DiGennaro

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo  
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes  
Deputy Chief Ronald Kirby  
First Selectman Timothy Herbst

**Approval of the April 14, 2015 Police Commission Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2015 as presented. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. There was no further discussion. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

The Chair opened Public Comment at 7:07 p.m.  
There being no public comments Chairman Jack Testani closed the Public Comment at 7:08 p.m.

**Correspondence**

Chief Lombardo wrote a memo to Sergeant Smith, Officers Bachiocchi, Duva, Redgate, Van Fleet, Velky and Dispatcher DeSanty as they were involved in a lifesaving incident involving an 18 year old female that reportedly was at risk of harming herself. Chief wanted to bring to the attention of commission that the officers played a big part in saving the young ladies life. The

officers' rapid response and their training played a big part in saving her life. This is something the officers should be proud of.

A thank you note was received from Ian Maloney who is a Police Explorer. He was given a Certificate of Achievement for his effort in planning the Public Safety Day event at the mall and attaining his Eagle Scout badge.

Chief Lombardo wrote a memo to Sergeant Allen, Officers Sota, Moramarco, Lavin and Ruiz as they investigated and apprehended two nighttime burglars who were entering vehicles in the Tashua area. The officers' rapid response and persistence in apprehending the suspects and solving these crimes stopped them from committing more burglaries in Trumbull and other communities.

Chairman Testani commented about having some sort of recognition event in the future for the officers who have been commended by the Chief.

Chief Lombardo indicated that an Awards Committee has been established. Deputy Chief Kirby will chair this committee, along with an officer of each rank from the department be part of the committee. Throughout the year when an officer, detective, sergeant or lieutenant does a good deed their superior will write a letter commending them and they will submit the case to the Awards Committee who will then recommend to the Chief the type of award the officer is to receive.

Chief Lombardo indicated that when an officer saves a life, makes a apprehensive or any other type of deed he likes to send the officer a memo commending them so they are aware that their good work has been noticed.

Chairman Testani indicated that he recalled in the past there was an award ceremony. Deputy Chief Byrnes responded that it was done in the past but for some unknown reason it did not continue. The ceremony was held in May in honor of Law Enforcement Day.

### **New Business**

#### **Jeffrey Meeker, John L. Simpson Company-Unilever to install a "Shield 12 Speed Display" on Merritt Boulevard**

Motion was made to move New Business, Jeffrey Meeker, John L. Simpson Company out of order from agenda. Motion made first by Commissioner Liggins, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Jeffrey Meeker, John L. Simpson Company, 43 Huntington Road, Bridgeport, CT has been contracted by Unilever for the installation of a "Shield 12" speed display on Merritt Boulevard. Mr. Meeker provided the commission a packet of material which included the road map, information on the speed display and the quote. Mr. Meeker explained that Unilever would like to install a speed display as there have been many near misses with pedestrians in the past year. He explained there is a crosswalk from Commerce Drive to 49 Merritt Boulevard and they are looking to place the sign somewhere before the cross walk in the 25 MPH zone. As per the

cost and quote from All Traffic Solutions with a three year maintenance program, the cost is \$7,535.00. This would be paid by Unilever. The question Mr. Meeker has is can the speed display sign be placed on an existing pole since there is not much space on the road for him to place the sign and he is concerned about the underground wiring. Commissioner Zamaro indicated that would be a question for United Illuminating if it is their property. Mr. Meeker indicated that it seems that is not property of United Illuminating but he was not able to determine the owner of the pole prior to meeting. Mr. Meeker indicated that he spoke with Tom Baldwin of Town Highway and indicated that he was okay with the sign being placed on the pole as long as Mr. Meeker informed the commission as they are the traffic authority.

Chairman Testani recommended that the item be tabled to the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to determine who the owner of the pole is or approve installation of the "Shield 12" sign pending on knowing who the owner is. The commission agreed on approving the installation of the sign pending identification of the owner of the pole, but requested that the commission be presented with something in writing indicating who the owner is and that they agree with the posting of the sign. Question was asked after the three year agreement is up, who is responsible for maintenance. Mr. Meeker responded that he was not able to answer that question at this time as he was asked to prepare the agreement with a three year term but he will contact Unilever or All Traffic Solutions.

Commissioner Portanova made a motion to approve Mr. Meeker's installation of a Shield 12 speed display on Merritt Boulevard with a proviso that the Traffic Division ascertains who the owner of the pole is and who is responsible for the pole, the town, city, etc. further that the town has no responsibility for the maintenance, warranty and upkeep. After the three year expiration there is no financial obligation to the town. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

### **Chief's Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls-for-Service for the month of April and indicated there were about 2,000 calls. There were 8 DUI Arrests for the month of April; 177 Building Checks, the evening and midnight shifts are checking the buildings; 67 Community policing, the officers are walking and talking to residents and businesses.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Arrest Summary for the month of April.

### **Traffic Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Traffic Report for the month of April. There was a large increase in cases from March 2015 to April 2015 due to the distracted driving enforcement.

### ***Item #1: Complaint: Christian Heritage School Entrance***

Concerns were raised over traffic entering Christian Heritage School during pickup and drop off times. Vehicles were stopping in the right southbound lane blocking the lane. Off. Thompson spoke with Christian Heritage staff who would notify parents not to block the lane and also assign staff members to monitor the entrance during those times.

***Item #2: Complaint: Speeding Cars Madison Avenue near Madison JHS***

Reported vehicles speeding on Madison Avenue near Madison JHS making it difficult to enter and exit the school. Officer Thompson spoke to the complainant. The speed trailer will be deployed at that location and patrols were advised to conduct traffic enforcement and/or be visible in the area.

***Item #3: Parks/*** Effective May 15<sup>th</sup> 2015, permits will be required to park in all town parks. Off. Thompson reviewed the signage entering each park. The department assists with the signage but the Park Commission are the ones who regulate the rules. Should a person receive a ticket they come to police department to pay their ticket or appeal the ticket.

***Cars passing School Buses***

There were approximately 7 different cases of cars passing school buses during the mornings and afternoons. Chairman Testani asked what is being done to reinforce the no passing of schools buses. Chief Lombardo indicated they are looking to speak with the bus drivers and the bus company and inform them that they need to get the license plates of offending vehicles.

**Supplemental Information**

The 2014/2015 DUI Enforcement Grant began on November 21, 2014 and will continue through September 7, 2015. Twenty eight (28) citations were issued during the two (2) day enforcement period for April 2015.

Distracted Driving Enforcement Grant details were conducted 11 times during the month of April and 314 citations were issued.

The Traffic Division was assigned to assist Monroe PD with a serious motor vehicle accident on Route 111 near Route 34. Officers Thompson, Richard, R. Lee and Officer Millington assisted.

The Town of Trumbull is participating in the Redflex Student Guardian bus video violation program which started this school year. Passing school bus violators are identified through a video system mounted on school buses. One (1) citation was issued for the month of April.

**Training Report**

Chief Lombardo indicated that the commission could see all the training that was done in the month of April in their material presented. There was one item that the Chief wanted the commission to be aware of, the Narcan Training has been completed by all the officers. All patrol units carry Narcan. Narcan will help if someone has gone into respiratory distress as a result of Heroin overdose and will help revert the effect of the drug.

**Sick/Injury Report**

Chief Lombardo reported there were a little over 51.67 shifts lost for the month of April. There is one officer that is still on a long term illness.

### **Detective Bureau Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Bureau report that for the month of April. There were 67 cases opened of which 47 have been closed. There were 31 open cases from previous months added to the 20 remaining from March equaling out to 51 cases still open. Some of the cases are burglaries, pistol permits, identity theft and larcenies. The detectives are still working hard on the robbery that occurred a few months ago. They are still putting it together and hopefully they will be able to make an arrest.

### **Unfinished Business**

Motion was made to move Unfinished Business, Jamie Bratt, 50 & 95 Corporate Drive out of order from agenda. Motion made first by Commissioner Liggins, seconded by Commissioner Zamarly. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bratt was present for any questions on 50 & 95 Corporate Drive. Ms. Bratt reviewed the development plans for both of the properties that are on Corporate Drive and are owned by RD Scinto, but being developed for Cooper Surgical. The first application was received for 95 Corporate Drive; Cooper Surgical is looking to add an expansion of 18,000 square feet. They got a variance and a special permit to expand, the highlight of the application was the negotiation between the neighbors and developers regarding installing a large wall that would be placed in the woods to buffer noise from the delivery trucks which was agreed on by both parties. At 50 Corporate Drive Cooper Surgical will also have a building at that location. Several years ago that site had been approved as a speculative building for general industry warehouse etc., now in 2014 Cooper Surgical committed to the project and built to suit building was designed for them. The building is larger in size but is dedicated towards a warehouse and shipping therefore fewer people will be working there and fewer parking spaces are included in the design. Ms. Bratt explained a letter she had from Milone & MacBroom that was submitted to the state by the traffic engineer who works for the developer. The number of vehicles that was approved in the past when it was going to be a speculative building is fewer than the number of vehicles that will actually be there once the addition and new building are completed. Chairman Testani mentioned that one of the concerns of the commission was that there would be less parking spaces. That is because when this was designed as a speculative building the developers are often extremely conservative and they build lots of parking spaces should this become an office building so they would not have to go back and build it. Now that there is going to be a specific user and they know it is going to be for warehousing and shipping the need for parking is reduced. Ms. Bratt mentioned that both of the projects were approved by Planning & Zoning.

Motion was made to approve the plans of 50 & 95 Corporate Drive as set forth with the knowledge from Planning & Zoning has in fact approved the projects. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

There was further discussion and Chief Lombardo commented that the motion should include that the local traffic authority concurs with the assessment that there will be no substantial

impact to the state highway and the concurrence is contingent upon the review in concurrence with the Department of Transportation. Commissioner Portanova agreed.

Motion was made to amend the previous motion to read as follows, Motion was made to approve the plans of 50 & 95 Corporate Drive as set forth with the knowledge that Planning & Zoning has in fact approved the projects and that the local traffic authority concurs with the assessment that there will be no substantial impact to the state highway system as presented by the Department of Transportation. Motion made first by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

### **EMS Report**

Chief Lombardo reviewed the EMS Report provided by Chief Laucella. There were 390 calls for the month of April which they covered 92%. They went out on 31 Mutual Aid calls; their response time was 7.3 minutes for the month of April. EMS transported 77% of their patients and the had 17 ALS Intercepts. Chief Lombardo commented that EMS is doing a good job.

### **Chief's Report**

Chairman Testani asked about the status on the police substation at the Westfield Shopping Center. Chief Lombardo reported that Deputy Chief Byrnes spoke with the the Mall's General Manager and he has presented to his company his project as to what he would like to do for the police substation. They requested that the General Manager provide better pricing on relocating the cleaning service. Currently the area that is being looked at the cleaning people utilize the space and they would need to relocate them to another location within the mall. Once the General Manager provides his company the information requested he does not anticipate any more problems and he will move forward with the project. The General Manager is just as anxious as the Police Department to get the police substation set up.

Chairman Testani asked if a timeline was given of when the General Manager would get approval from his company on the project. Deputy Chief Byrnes indicated that they are waiting for new bids on the relocation. Chief Lombardo mentioned that the General Manager is in charge of five other shopping centers. Chairman Testani asked that if there is no definite answer on the substation by the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting that Mr. Madden attend the July 14<sup>th</sup> Police Commission meeting. Should there be an update on the substation the Chair asked that the Police Commission be notified.

Chief Lombardo mentioned the department applied for a grant regarding Body Cameras which was approved. The department is looking into some vendors and will be working with Bill Chin as to storing video on a server. Different Body Cameras will be tested to see what works best for the department. The company that the department currently uses for the in-car cameras, Watchguard, have a body camera which the department will test.

Chairman Testani asked for an update on the new uniforms. Chief Lombardo indicated that the department has spoken to the purchasing agent for the town. The uniform that has been

selected is Blauer. The department is looking to have the uniforms for the officers by the end of the summer beginning of September.

First Selectman Herbst joined the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Commissioner Zmary made a motion to enter into Executive Session for personnel matters at 7:59 p.m. MOTION made by first by Commissioner Zmary and seconded by Commissioner McGovern. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

Entering into Executive Session: Chairman Testani, Commissioners Liggins, McGovern, Portanova and Zmary, Chief Lombardo and First Selectman Herbst.

Deputy Chief Byrnes entered Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

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

A motion was made to make a conditional employment offer to Joseph Iucci, pending completion of the Cooper standard testing and polygraph. The start date will be determined by Chief Lombardo. Motion made first by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to authorize First Selectman Herbst, Chief Lombardo and Jim Haselkamp to begin negotiations of Deputy Chief Byrnes new contract. Motion made first by Commissioner Liggins, seconded by Commissioner Portanova. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, and upon motion made by Commissioner Portanova, seconded by Commissioner Zmary, the Trumbull Police Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission