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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall
Tuesday, July 12, 2011

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

Members Present: Jack Testani, Chairman
Alfred Liggins, Secretary
William Murphy
Albert Zamary

Also Present: Chief Thomas Kiely
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Dan Nelson, Town Chief of Staff
Jeff Mogan, Town Attorney
Edward Walsh, Town Attorney (7:10 pm)
Officer Robert Coppola, Police Union President

Absent: Anna Henry, Vice-Chairman

Public Comment

Opened at 7:03PM.

Chief Thomas Kiely reported that Officer Robert Coppola had intended to speak during Public Comment, but was running late. Chairman Jack Testani agreed to reopen Public Comment later during the meeting.

Closed at 7:04PM.

Approval of June 14, 2011 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairman Tesatni requested a motion to approve the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2011 MOTION MADE (Liggins), 2nd (Murphy). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Correspondence

To date, there was no further correspondence, since the last meeting date of June 14, 2011.

Chief Kiely's Report

- The DUI Enforcement Grant is still in effect, and there have been numerous arrests attributed to the grant.
- In regards to the Trumbull police involvement with the State Wide Narcotic Task force, the Task Force performed a round-up of twenty-nine (29) persons for gang/drug related activity. The round-up also took forty-five (45) weapons off the streets.
- There were a total of four (4) purse thefts. Two of which were in Trumbull, the other two in Shelton and Stratford. A Shelton Officer observed the two suspects, pursued them and arrests were made.
- The Trumbull Police Department received an award from Bridgeport Police Department in recognition of the role that the Trumbull police played in the investigation and arrest of a triple homicide suspect. The incident occurred in Bridgeport. The arrested suspect had resided in Trumbull.
- There were 220 hundred-twenty-two (222) responses to false alarms
- One hundred-twenty-seven (127) responses to medical calls
- Forty-eight (48) finger printings for employment purposes
- Thirteen (13) car seat installations by the two officers, whom are certified to do so
- There was a photo opportunity of the police K-9 receiving his dog license, which was published in the local paper, as a public service reminder to town dog owner's to license their dogs, if they haven't already done so.
- There were ten (10) breaks into motor vehicles, all of which were parked in driveways. Three (3) of those vehicles had been left unlocked by their owners.
- There was a carjacking. The suspect is now being held in Long Island.
- There were five (5) arrests attributed to counterfeit money being passed at Trumbull Shopping Park.
- There were three major events in town (Trumbull Day, Trumbull High School Graduation, and Cole Brothers Circus, which all ran smoothly and without any incidents.
- The police Candidate Hiring process continues with fifty-one (51) candidates expected to return their employment packets by July 15th.
- The Chief's Administrative Assistant, Jo-Ann Nanni, retired as of July 8th. She will be missed by the Chief, the Commissioners, and all her co-workers. All wish her well, and thank her for her dedication and all her hard work.
- The K-9 Officer Carlson, and his K-9 partner Cyrus, have completed their first six (6) months in service.

Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes' Portion of Report

- The k-9 Unit has been successful to date, due to the ambitious efforts of Officer Richard Carlson, and his willingness to assist in investigations, whenever it is asked of him. His tracking skills have lead to successful arrests of suspects, including some of the incidents reported early earlier by Chief Kiely.
- The monthly traffic report was supplied to the Commissioners. The two traffic officers, supplemented by the patrol division, have been utilizing the ongoing traffic enforcement grant.
- The accident investigation officers were called out twice; once to assist in a fatal accident this had occurred in Bridgeport, and again for a serious accident involving a police cruiser, also in Bridgeport. The officers, along with child car seat installations, perform several other public service duties, for example escorts, etc.
- Traffic signals are being reviewed by the State Department of Transportation. One signal was just hung at White Plains Road and Shawnee Rd.; however it will be approximately one month before it is fully operational.

Chairman Jack Testani requested that Lt. Thomas Savarese report at the next scheduled Police Commissioner Meeting, the updates made, and yet to be made, to the crosswalk on Whiney Avenue, which is part of the Rails-to-Trails program. A Town Highway representative was also requested to attend.

Chief Kiely reported that the Police department finished the fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) without going over budget.

Commissioner Albert Zmary asked of Chief Thomas Kiely, how the new taxes imposed by the state affected the department's budget. Chief Kiely replied that he is still waiting on an answer to that from the state, and that it may possibly impact the costs for a police candidate to attend the police academy. The impact, if any, would affect this year's budget.

The Chief explained that our overtime account, although over what was appropriated, had met with the department's original proposed amount. Also, taken into account should be the overtime incurred due this past year's severe weather problems, and major crime occurrences.

Deputy Chief Michael Harry's Portion of the Report

Deputy Chief gave a power point presentation on the department's detective bureau. The power point presentation, narrated by his assistant Sharon Madar, explained how the detective bureau acts as a support system to the patrol division. The patrol division responds to immediate situations, but does not have the benefit of time to invest in prolonged investigations; it is at that point that the detective bureau is assigned the

cases. It explained how some cases such as domestic violence are given a top priority, but all cases are investigated to their fullest regardless of how much time and effort it may take. It went on to explain the process of two high profile cases, and the work that was involved to bring those cases to a favorable close.

Old/New Business

Chairman Jack Testani thanked Commissioner Albert Zamary for giving to JoAnn Nanni a gift from the Commissioners at her retirement luncheon last Thursday.

Chairman Testani requested a motion to go into executive session at 7:15PM to discuss signing Employment Agreements for the Chief of Police and the two Deputy Chiefs. MOTION made (Commissioner Murphy) 2nd (Commissioner Zamary). ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Entering into Executive Session- Commissioners Testani, Commissioner Liggins, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Zamary, Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Harry, Deputy Chief Byrnes, Chief of Staff Dan Nelson, and Attorney Jeff Mogan, .

MOTION made (Commissioner Zamary) 2nd (Commissioner Murphy) to ADJOURN the Executive Session at 7:50PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Testani requested a motion to approve all three of the employment agreements. MOTION made Commissioner Zamary) 2nd (Commissioner Liggins). ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business

Chairman requested Deputy Chief Harry's assistance to check on a possible reimbursement from RYASAP for the costs involved with having a Juvenal Review Board. Deputy Chief Harry had followed up with the Town of Stratford, and found that RYASAP did reimburse the Town of Stratford for this service, baring the town of the expense.

Off. Robert Coppola, as Police Union representative, brought to the Commission's attention a proposed change to the Town Charter, by the Charter Revision Commission, that strikes a sentence under CH. VII, Sec. 9 Police Commission, B., third paragraph, sentence 2 which, if stuck would allow the promotion for the ranks of sergeant through captain, be made from outside the town of Trumbull's Police Department which is a violation of Article 34, of the Agreement between the Town of Trumbull and Police Union Local,1745, Council #15, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. Officer Coppola has had discussions with Judge Chiota, who is Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission. The last meeting of the Charter Revision Commission is take place tomorrow on July 14th.

Chairman Jack Testani requested a motion to have a letter drawn up by the Clerk of the Police Commission requesting the Charter Revision Commission have the above mention strike-out removed, so that that sentence remains in the Town Charter. MOTION made (Commissioner Murphy) 2nd (Commissioner Liggins) ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was decided that Chief Kiely would attend the Charter Revision Commission Meeting tomorrow evening to speak on behalf of the Police Commissioners and the Police Union, and to hand deliver the above mentioned letter.

Adjournment

Chairman Testani called for a motion to adjourn. MOTION made (Commissioner Murphy) 2nd (Commissioner Liggins) to ADJOURN the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 8:40PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denise Sepot
Clerk of the Commission