



# POLICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BETHEL POLICE COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, FEB 18, 2015  
MUNICIPAL CENTER, 1 SCHOOL ST MEETING ROOM "A"

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ATTENDING:

CHAIRMAN MIKE DUFF  
COMMISSIONER ANTHONY RUBINO  
COMMISSIONER RICHARD KOLWICZ  
COMMISSIONER CHRIS MCCOLLAM -  
COMMISSIONER RICHARD BARTON  
CHIEF JEFFREY FINCH

Chairman Duff opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Commission pledged allegiance to the flag.

Motion by Comm Kolwicz to add "Traffic Flow – Middle School Signage" to New Business as item 5d; seconded by Comm McCollam – unanimous.

1. Public Comment  
None

2. Review of Past Minutes  
Comm Kolwicz noted in the minutes of Meeting 1/21/15 #8c misspelling of name. It should read "Mr Mount does not support ---".  
Motion by Comm Barton to accept the amended minutes of 1/21/15; seconded by Comm Kolwicz – unanimous.

Motion by Comm Barton to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of 2/10/15; seconded by Comm Kolwicz – motion passed with Commissioners Rubino and McCollam abstaining due to absence at said meeting.

3. Budget Report
  - a) Comptrollers Report  
Chief Finch noted only the many \$10 disbursements as being connected to police training at WestConn.
  - b) Overtime Reports  
Overtime is still under last year-to-date by \$22K according to the Chief, much due to Dispatch being up to full staff.  
Motion by Comm McCollam Kolwicz to accept the Budget and Overtime reports as presented; seconded by Comm Barton – unanimous.

4. Old Business

a) Monthly Reports – *copies enclosed*

Chief Finch addressed the problem of quantifying motor vehicle stops and the setting of officer enforcement standards for motor vehicle stops.

Comm Barton asked if officer training could be included as part of web page for public relations purposes.

Motion by Comm McCollam to accept the Monthly Reports as presented; seconded by Comm Kolwicz – unanimous.

5. New Business

a) Chili Run – March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am

This event has been run the past several years without incident according to Chief Finch. Chairman Duff's only concern was for adequate traffic control.

Motion by Comm McCollam to approve the Chili Run as presented contingent upon Lt Dickinson being satisfied with the safety aspects; seconded by Comm Kolwicz – unanimous

b) Policy – General Orders

While no specific General Orders were addressed, Chief Finch noted many general orders involve very minor changes due to such things as punctuation, staff and rank changes and the like. The Chief proposed including them in an inclusive manual then asking the Commission to approve or disapprove the whole. Commissioners only asked that they have sufficient time to review them. The Chief also stated and the Commission agreed that any policy changes which impact operations will continue to be brought before the Commission for approval.

c) Budget 2015 – 2016

Chairman Duff reported that the Captain's presentation of the budget to the Finance Board was seemingly favorably received. Four cars remain a necessary requirement. The Commission continued to discuss police vehicles. Chief Finch stated that only education and contractual salary cause the 3% budget increase.

d) Traffic Flow Middle School Signage

This request from Robert Germinaro concerns signage to separate buses from parent pickup at Middle School as was done at Johnson School. The request is for Commission approval only as the Board of Education will pay for and install the signs when the weather permits. Commissioners reviewed the request letter.

Motion by Comm Kolwicz to table this item until the next meeting so Lt Dickinson can review the request; seconded by Comm McCollam – unanimous.

6. Police Building

The Commission discussed the new police building proposal. Comm Rubino added his input as a Fire Chief and included feedback received from those who had experience with the construction of the Stony Hill Fire Department. Chairman

Duff stated that an additional Special Meeting may be needed to discuss issues raised and in need of resolution.

8. Correspondence  
None

9. Chief's Report  
Chief Finch reported on an upcoming scheduled accreditation inspection and a letter received concerning a state research project on departments with police commissions.

At 7:04 motion by Comm Kolwicz to adjourn; seconded by Comm McCollam – unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ferdinand Miller Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Ferdinand Miller Jr  
Secretary