



Bethel Police Commission

12 Judd Ave, Bethel Ct 06801

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BETHEL POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEB 19 2020
MUNICIPAL CENTER, 1 SCHOOL ST MEETING ROOM "B"

ATTENDING: CHAIRMAN ANTHONY RUBINO
VICE CHAIRMAN KEVIN CLEARY
COMMISSIONER PETE VALENTI
COMMISSIONER RICHARD KOLWICZ
COMMISSIONER AMY MANNION
CHIEF JEFFREY FINCH

Ofc in attendance = 1
Civ in attendance = 1

Chairman Rubino opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
The Commission pledged allegiance to the flag.

1. Public Input:
None
2. Review of Past Minutes:
Motion by Comm Kolwicz to accept the minutes of regular meeting 1/15/20; seconded by Comm Valenti – unanimous with Comm Mannion abstaining due to absence.
3. Budget Report:
 - Comptroller's Report
Two questions were asked and answered to commissioner's satisfaction.
 - Overtime Reports
Overtime this year-to-date is \$27,000 less than what it was last year-to-date.
Staffing continues to be of concern.Motion by Chairman Rubino to add Grand St Parking to Old Business; seconded by Comm Mannion – unanimous.
4. Old Business:
 - 10 Nashville Rd Ext Trees
Chief Finch noted that offending trees have been marked per Bob Dibble and are scheduled to be removed within the next two weeks.

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- Knollwood Dr – Traffic Survey

The latest survey is little different from the first according to the Chief. The number of violations is small without an overwhelming speeding issue. Chief Finch went through the color coded printed output. The Commission agreed with stepped up enforcement action during the times of greatest number of violations.

- Grand St Parking

Comm Kolwicz questioned the changing position of No-Parking signs on Grand St from the right side going toward Diamond to the left side. Capt Pugner described the confusion which resulted in the wrong side posting. The signs were ultimately positioned as approved by motion in a previous meeting. Chief Finch stated that the signage effect will be studied and rearranged as needed. The result will be brought up at a future meeting.

5. New Business:

- Monthly Reports, UCR

There is no major crime for January. Six larcenies were recorded. There were numerous other arrests.

- Charter Revision Meeting of 1/28/20

Chairman Rubino having attended the Charter Revision Committee meeting, reported that when it goes to vote the revision will be that the Police Commission will meet at the Police Department building or other buildings as deemed necessary.

- Nashville Rd & Rt53 Intersection

In light of recent wrecks at the Nashville Rd and Rt53 intersection, Chairman Rubino asked if this intersection has ever been studied by the Commission. Because of the angle of Nashville, to make a right hand turn it is necessary to cross and block the opposite lane. The Commission discussed the matter. All serious accidents appeared to be vehicles turning left onto Rt53.

- Relay for Life – May 8, 2020, Municipal Center

Set up on Municipal Center lawn at 3:00, ending at 11:00 at night. The request is to have School St closed from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Two officers, possibly three will be required. Motion by Comm Mannion to approve the Relay for Life event on May 8th, 2020; seconded by Comm Valenti – unanimous.

- General Order Revisions

Chapter 2 Section 1 Command Structure

Chapter 3 Section 5 Civilian Complaint & Investigation

Chapter 6 Section 1 Patrol Operations

Chapter 8 Section 1 Motor Vehicle Pursuit

Chapter 9 Section 1 Detective Bureau

Motion by Comm Mannion to accept changes to General Orders Chapter 2 Section 1 Command Structure; Chapter 3 Section 5 Civilian Complaint & Investigation; Chapter 6 Section 1 Patrol Operations; Chapter 8 Section 1 Motor Vehicle Pursuit; Chapter 9 Section 1 Detective Bureau; seconded by Chairman Rubino – unanimous.

6. Correspondence:
• Donation Rudnick Christmas present

7. Chief's Report:
• Sickness & Injury
Lynn Morris due to return in near future
1 Ofc to retire in March

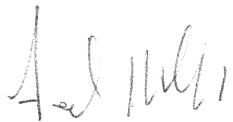
• Executive Session – Personnel Issue
At 7:20 motion by Comm Cleary to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and invite Chief Finch to attend; seconded by Comm Mannion

At 8:05 Commission came out of executive session

8. Commissioner Comments:
None

At 8:06 motion by Comm Kolwicz to adjourn; seconded by Comm Cleary - unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



Ferdinand Miller Jr
Secretary