



Bethel Police Commission

12 Judd Ave, Bethel Ct 06801
Mr Anthony Rubino - Chairman

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Bethel Police Commission
Wednesday June 24, 2020, 6:30pm
Bethel Police Dept., 12 Judd Avenue**

Attending: Anthony Rubino
Kevin Cleary
Peter Valenti
Richard Kolwicz
Amy Mannion
Chief Finch
Capt. Pugner

Officers: Lt. Bryce
Civilians: 0

Chairman Rubino called the meeting @ 6:30pm

1. Review of past minutes:

Amy Mannion made a motion, seconded by Richard Kolwicz, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

2. Budget Report:

Comptroller Reports-Comptroller is reviewing for the end of the fiscal year.

Overtime Reports-Capt. Pugner reported overtime was low during the Covid-19 lockdown period, but went up when extra officers were needed for the protests.

3. Old Business:

Site Plan for 80 South Street and Site Plan for 9 Goodhill Road were reviewed by Lt. Libertini and posed no traffic or safety concerns. Plans will be forwarded to Planning & Zoning.

Site Plan for 47 Shelley Road will be tabled until next meeting when the commission can review the road concerns with Lt. Libertini.

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Motion to accept made by Amy Mannion, seconded by Peter Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

4. New Business:

Capt. Pugner proposed to add Bethel Crossing crosswalk issue to New Business. Motion to accept made by Peter Valenti, seconded by Amy Mannion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

The monthly UCR reports were reviewed by the commission.

Site Plan for 137 Walnut Hill Road, a one family home, was reviewed. Motion to accept made by Tony Rubino, seconded by Richard Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Bethel Crossing would like to move the crosswalk on Maple Ave. Ext. to the other side of the road. The request will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Freedom Isn't Free motorcycle ride through town on August 1, 2020 approved. Motion to accept made by Kevin Cleary, seconded by Peter Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

General Orders for Use of Force were revised and updated per POST policy. Chief Finch told the commission the Orders were presented to and reviewed by all officers. Motion to accept made by Amy Mannion, Seconded by Peter Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

The Official Swearing in Ceremony for the new Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeant will be tentatively scheduled for July 23, due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Town Clerk will swear in the Chief on July 7 at Town Hall since Chief Finch will be retiring on July 6th.

5. Correspondence:

Cynthia McCorkindale organized a group Thank You card on Facebook to show appreciation to Bethel's Police Officers.

A Thank You card was received from the family of Arlene Sullivan thanking officers who administered CPR and saved her life.

6. Chief's Report:

Sickness and Injury: Capt. Pugner updated the commission stating that Off. Holland is still on Military leave, Officer Morris is back full-duty, Lt. Burnes may be back next week, and Officer Perun is out on sick leave then vacation after having surgery.

The three new officers started the Police Academy 2 weeks ago, doing remote classes in the police department classroom. This week they doing shooter training at the Academy.

An offer was made to a new dispatcher and pending the completion of her background check, will start on July 13th. The dates for classes have not been scheduled yet awaiting the State.

Radio update: Capt. Pugner reported that the new radios seem to be working well.

Motion to accept made by Amy Mannion, seconded by Peter Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

7. Commissioner Comments:

Peter Valenti asked about an update on the range. Capt. Pugner said they are looking into using a coating to fix the cracks.

Amy Mannion said thank you to Chief Finch and thanked the department for working together with the town and community.

Dick Kolwicz said thank you to Chief Finch for all his work on getting the new police building, and for making this the best police department in Connecticut and for having the backs of his officers.

Tony Rubino wished Chief Finch the best of luck in his retirement. He said the range should be in operation right now of all times and stated the Commission will help get it completed.

Richard Kolwicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tony Rubino at 7:30pm. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Kavallines".

Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary