



Bethel Police Commission

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

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Bethel Police Commission
Wednesday July 15, 2020, 6:30pm
Bethel Police Dept., 12 Judd Avenue**

Attending: Anthony Rubino
Kevin Cleary
Peter Valenti
Richard Kolwicz
Chief Pugner
Absent: Amy Mannion

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Chairman Rubino called the meeting @ 6:30pm

1. Review of past minutes:

Richard Kolwicz made a motion, seconded by Kevin Cleary, to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

2. Budget Report:

Comptroller Reports-Chief Pugner explained the over-budget amount is due to retroactive pay and the additional uniform expense from when the new Officer's contract was ratified in April. Contracted services and the expense of clothing for the new hires also contributed.

Overtime Reports-Chief Pugner reported overtime was within budget.

3. Old Business:

Chairman Rubino made a motion to add the Bethel Crossing crosswalk to the agenda, seconded by Kevin Cleary.

Site Plan for 47 Shelley Road- Lt. Durkin and Lt. Libertini measured the road width at 22'. They suggested the commission may want to recommend a traffic study to be done by the builder. They also found issues with the site lines of cars pulling out of Racebrook Drive. and Limekiln Road. Kevin Cleary made a motion to recommend the developer do a traffic study on the road and give the findings to the Commission and Planning & Zoning, seconded by Richard Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved

unanimously. Kevin Cleary made a motion to ask Public Works to study the site lines at Racebrook Drive and Limekiln Road, and contact Newtown about removing the island at the entrance to the road, seconded by Richard Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Bethel Crossing- Chief Pugner looked at the crosswalk and said the site and signage is good so there is no reason to move it.

4. New Business:

The monthly UCR reports were reviewed. Chief Pugner stated the officers have been more proactive but still cautious due to Covid-19. The rising problem of stolen cars in Bethel and statewide was discussed.

The Official Swearing in Ceremony for the new Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeant has been pushed back until August pending the governor's Phase 3 of opening the state.

5. Correspondence:

A \$100 donation was received from resident Marty Brown.

6. Chief's Report:

Sickness and Injury: Capt. Pugner updated the commission stating Officer Perun is expected to be out on sick leave, then vacation, until mid-August.

New dispatcher Karen Torres started training this week.

The three new trainees are doing well so far. They are mostly doing remote classes in the police department classroom.

Chief Pugner went over the new general responsibilities of the Captain and each Lieutenant. He will have a formal chart completed for next month's meeting.

7. Commissioner Comments:

Peter Valenti asked about moving a bus stop that is close to a cross walk on Greenwood Ave. Chief Pugner will have Lt. Durkin look into it.

Dick Kolwicz wished Peter Valenti a happy birthday and congratulated Chief Pugner on his swearing in.

Tony Rubino congratulated Chief Pugner on his new position.

Richard Kolwicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tony Rubino at 7:33 pm. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary