



# Bethel Police Commission

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12 Judd Avenue  
Bethel, CT 06801  
Mr. Anthony Rubino - Chairman

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Bethel Police Commission  
Bethel Police Department, 12 Judd Ave.  
Wednesday May 19, 2021, 6:30 pm

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Attending: Anthony Rubino, Kevin Cleary, Peter Valenti, Richard Kolwicz, Chief Pagner, Capt. Burnes, Lt. Durkin

Absent: Amy Mannion

Chairman Rubino called the meeting at 6:30 pm

## 1. Public Input:

No public comments

## 2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

The motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on May 3, 2021 was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

## 3. Budget Report:

The Comptroller and Overtime Reports were reviewed. Chief Pagner noted that the end of the fiscal year is getting close and Captain Burnes is keeping a close eye on spending to keep within the budget. Chief Pagner went over the new overtime report that's been generated due to switching to a new payroll system. He expects overtime to be a bit over for the fiscal year, but is overall in good shape. The motion to accept the reports was made by Comm. Valenti. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

#### **4: Old Business:**

Police Range update: Chief Pugner told the commission that the masonry repairs were completed last week and it is expected to be sealed in the next few weeks. They will test the seal before finally painting it. Lt. Libertini will be getting an updated quote for the range equipment.

Body Camera update: Chief Pugner said the request for funds for the body cameras is on the agenda for the June Board of Selectmen meeting. He said the goal is to have them by next January which is ahead of the July 2022 due date per the new law.

Hiring update: Chief Pugner said that the new hire, Greg Fracassini, passed the background investigation and will be doing the physical agility test next week.

#### **5. New Business:**

Monthly Reports: Chief Pugner noted that arrests are up due to relaxed Covid-19 restrictions and the approaching warmer weather. The motion to accept the monthly reports was made by Comm. Valenti. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Speeding on Vail Road and other traffic complaints: Discussion ensued. Lt. Durkin stated that he will be addressing a recent complaint of speeding tractor trailers on Vail Road during the night by having the midnight shift do selective enforcement for a few weeks. He said he has been receiving many complaints about speeding in all areas of town and is currently having 5 selective enforcement details at a time and is using the speed sign at different locations. SRO Broad will be assigned to traffic enforcement for the summer.

#### **6. Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

#### **7. Chief's Report:**

Chief Pugner said that no one is out sick or on injury.

He told the commission the swearing in date for Greg Fracassini is scheduled for June 1, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

#### **8. Commissioner's Comments:**

Comm. Kolwicz inquired about traffic detours when roads are blocked off due to emergencies.

Comm. Cleary asked if the Bike Patrol is out. Chief Pugner said they are.

Comm. Valenti asked about the weight of officers duty belts.

Comm. Rubino discussed the upcoming painting of stop bars and cross walks.

The motion to adjourn was made Comm. Kolwicz. At 7:29 pm. Seconded by Comm. Rubino. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary