



Bethel Police Commission

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Bethel Police Commission
Wednesday August 18, 2021, 6:30 pm
Video link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6690515605>

Attending: Anthony Rubino, Kevin Cleary, Amy Mannion, Peter Valenti, Chief Pugner, Capt. Burnes
Brad Heering, CelineH, LPN
Absent: Richard Kolwicz

Chairman Rubino called meeting @ 6:31 pm

1. Public Input:

No public input

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2021 meeting was made by Comm. Cleary. Seconded Comm. Valenti. Comm. Mannion abstained. Vote, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Chief Pugner noted this is the first month of the fiscal year and there is now an additional column added to show the overtime budget.

Brad Heering, the Assistant Comptroller of the Finance Office, discussed the Comptroller report. He explained that all salaries are included on one line but will break out overtime separately per the Commission's request. He said he will have an updated June report for the September meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the past month's dispatch overtime.

4: Old Business:

A motion was made by Comm. Rubino to add Body Cameras to Old Business. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

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Police Range Update: Chief Pugner said the painting and sealing is complete on the range. Water testing will be done in the next few weeks and the bids for equipment will be going out soon.

Hickok Ave. Speed Bump Request: Lt. Durkin's report recommended that no speed bumps need to be put on the road. The chief and Commission agreed.

Juniper Road Speed Bump Request: Lt. Durkin's report recommended no speed bumps should be placed on Juniper Road. The chief and Commission agreed. Comm. Mannion noted that several accidents were due to cars parked on the road and asked if it is feasible to have parking on only one side. Chief Pugner will have Lt. Durkin look into it.

School Complex Speed Bump request: Chief Pugner said that after last month's meeting, he spoke to and met with the First Selectman, Highway Superintendent, and the Public Works Director. They concluded the biggest problems are with the sidewalks and Public Works agreed to work on that. There will be three speed bumps installed before school begins.

Body Cameras: Chief Pugner stated they were approved at the Board of Selectman meeting and they will be sending the request to the Board of Finance for September's meeting.

5. New Business:

Monthly UCR Reports: The chief noted that there have been many calls for service and arrests are up. Comm. Cleary asked about noise complaints and a discussion ensued. The motion to accept the reports was made by Comm. Rubino. Seconded by Comm. Cleary, Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Traffic Officer Stats: Chief Pugner went over Officer Broad's traffic stops for the last several weeks, which were overall successful. Comm. Rubino requested the chief email the commissioner's the stats for the remainder of the month when they are completed.

Walnut Hill Cross Walk Request: Chief Pugner will have Lt. Durkin find out where the request is for and find out more information for next month's meeting.

42 Vail Road: Lt. Durkin's report indicated that he does not foresee any traffic issues with a church at that location. A motion to approve and forward to Planning & Zoning was made by Comm. Cleary. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

81 Reservoir St. Sign Request: A "Slow Hidden Driveway" sign was requested. Chief Pugner will have Lt. Durkin look into it for the next meeting.

6. Correspondence:

First Congressional Church Letter: A letter of appreciation was received thanking and praising the officers who participated in the Youth Festival on August 7th.

Ms. Knapp called Captain Burnes to let her know that all the officers that have been to her residence have been great and she is appreciative for their assistance.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury: Chief Pugner noted that one officer is on light duty and is expected to be back full time by the end of the month.

Personnel Update: Officer Fracassini is halfway through the academy and is doing well.

8. Commissioner Comments:

Comm. Rubino thanked the chief for updating the commissioners on the mall shooting incident and inquired about the Town coverage after sending officers to Danbury to assist. Chief Pugner told him the Town was sufficiently covered and several detectives went and officers returned.

Comm. Mannion made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary