



Bethel Police Commission

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Bethel Police Commission
Wednesday September 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
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Attending: Anthony Rubino, Kevin Cleary, Amy Mannion, Peter Valenti, Richard Kolwicz, Chief Pugnier, Lt. Libertini

Chairman Rubino called the meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

1. Public Input:

No public input

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting was made by Comm. Valenti. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Comm. Kolwicz abstained. Vote, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

The Comptroller and Overtime reports were reviewed. Chief Pugnier noted that there are 3 cars on backorder and will hopefully arrive in October. Overtime was a bit higher last month due to people on vacation. The motion to accept the reports was made by Comm. Mannion. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

4: Old Business:

Comm. Rubino made a motion to add the 81 Reservoir St. sign request to the agenda under Old Business. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.
Comm. Rubino made a motion to add Patrol Car Funding to the agenda under New Business. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Police Range Update: Chief Pugner said after the heavy rain a few weeks ago there was moisture in the range that was found to come from the roof, which will be fixed soon. Discussion ensued.

School Complex Speed Bump Update: Chief Pugner said the Highway Dept. is coordinating with the asphalt company and is forecasting having the speed bumps installed on a Saturday in October.

Body Cameras: Chief Pugner said the Board of Finance approved the funding and Lt. Libertini is in contact with the company to get them before the end of the year. Lt. Bryce is working on new policies and looking into getting grants.

Hickok Ave. No Thru Trucks sign: Chief Pugner said Lt. Durkin requested "No Thru Truck" signs for Hickok Ave. from the D.O.T. but the request was declined. They instead recommended limiting the weight on trucks. Lt. Durkin will be discussing and coordinating this with the Highway Dept.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Comm. Cleary inquired why the enforcement numbers for motor vehicle stops have gone down over the past few years. Chief Pugner explained that Covid-19 restrictions affected stops and he expects the numbers to go back up for this year, unless the State decides to restrict secondary stops as they are talking about doing under the Police Accountability law. Discussion ensued. Comm. Mannion made a motion to discuss a juvenile arrest case listed on a report in Executive Session. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved. The motion to accept the reports was made by Comm. Cleary. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

New State Speed Signs: Chief Pugner stated that the department received 2 new speed signs from the State. They were placed on Old Hawleyville Road and on Payne Road.

New Crosswalk Law: The chief said there will be a new law in effect on October 1st that allows pedestrians to signal to drivers they will be crossing without having to be in the crosswalk. There is also an increase on the fine for motorists that don't stop.

Patrol Car Funding: Comm. Rubino told the commission that at the Board of Finance meeting, the Comptroller brought up using the money generated by cars on extra-duty jobs be used towards new vehicles. Comm. Rubino will follow up to find out more details of the outcome.

6. Correspondence:

Woodbury PD Letter: A letter from the Woodbury Police Department was received thanking Off. Robinson and Off. Fekeita for the food they donated after the loss of one of their officers.

Brookfield PD Letter: A letter was received thanking Off. Fekeita for her help at their National Night Out event.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury: Chief Pugner noted that Off. Perrone is out on military leave and has injured his hand. He is expected to be back in the next few months.

Personnel Update: Chief Pugner told the commission that Off. Fuenzalida has resigned and another officer is looking to leave to go to another department soon. Interviews for new hires will be done at the end of the month. He also noted that Off. Fracassini is doing well so far at the academy.

8. Executive Session

The motion to invite Chief Pugner and enter Executive Session was made by Comm. Rubino at 7:19 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:42 p.m.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary