



Bethel Police Commission

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Bethel Police Commission
Bethel Police Department, 12 Judd Ave.
Wednesday October 20, 2021, 6:30 pm

Attending: Anthony Rubino, Kevin Cleary, Peter Valenti, Richard Kolwicz, Chief Pugner, Lt. Durkin

Absent: Amy Mannion

Chairman Rubino called meeting @ 6:30 pm

1. Public Input:

No public input.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting 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 and Chief Pugner stated that there is nothing big on the Comptroller reports and overtime is on track so far to be within budget. Capital Plan was reviewed and discussion ensued.

The motion to accept the reports was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

4: Old Business:

Police Range Update: Chief Pugner told the commission that water tests are complete and the Board of Selectmen made a motion to forward the equipment bidding process to the Building Committee. He will be requesting that a member of the police department assist with the process. Comm. Rubino made a motion to advise the Board of Selectmen and Building

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Committee that now that the Range building is found acceptable by the Town, they need to find the funds to complete the gun range with equipment to make it operational. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

School Complex Speed Bumps Update: Comm. Rubino said that Bob Dibble of the Highway Dept. has Tilcon scheduled to install the speed tables this Saturday, October 23.

Body Cameras Update: Chief Pugner stated that the legal documents are being reviewed by Atty. Lawlor and then they will be ordered. Delivery will take 4-6 weeks.

Hickok Ave. No Thru Truck Sign Update: Lt. Durkin said "Truck Weight Limit Restriction" signs are being made and will be posted as this is easier to enforce.

81 Reservoir St. Update: Lt. Durkin inspected the driveway and found that the curvature of the road made exiting dangerous. He recommended signs indicating "Hidden Drive" be installed. Comm. Kolwicz made a motion to install "Hidden Drive" signs on Reservoir Road. Comm. Rubino seconded it. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Juniper Road Parking Update: Lt. Durkin viewed the road at different times and concluded that since parking is allowed on one side only, there is nothing more to be done to improve the parking situation.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Chief Pugner noted that stolen cars are less than last year so far, but still higher than normal and it is a state-wide issue. DUI arrests are up and are about the same as last year so far. Discussion ensued. The motion to accept the reports was made by Comm. Cleary. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Turkey Trot 5K: Lt. Durkin said this race will be held on Thanksgiving morning like last year and officers will be hired for traffic. Comm. Valenti made a motion to allow the race as long as officers are hired for traffic safety. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Wilmot 5K: Lt. Durkin said this race will be held on Nov. 14th and it was decided the route will mainly be in the School Complex off the roads. He recommended that they hire 1 officer. A motion was made by Comm. Kolwicz to allow the race. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Hoyts Hill Stop Ahead Sign Request: Lt. Durkin noted that the eastbound part of the road has a "Stop Ahead" warning sign and recommends one be installed on the westbound side. Comm. Rubino made a motion to get a "Stop Ahead" sign for the westbound side of Hoyts Hill Road. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Whittlesey Drive "New Sign": Lt. Durkin explained that the High School plans on replacing the sign on the back of the bleachers and is looking to get an electronic sign. They were told that they would have to apply to Planning & Zoning for an approval and also get approval by the Police Commission since it is near the road. Planning & Zoning suggested they get approval from the Police Commission first. Discussion ensued and the Commission agreed that they cannot approve a sign that is not currently legally zoned. Comm. Rubino made a motion to let

Planning & Zoning handle this first. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

New CAD System: Chief Pugner told the commission that a new CAD system was approved by the Board of Finance. Atty. Lawlor is going over the contract and it will be ordered soon.

New Officer Pay Rate: Chief Pugner asked the commission to consider giving the newly hired officer Step 4 pay since she is already certified and has on the job experience. Comm. Cleary made a motion to start Off. Whitney Carter at Step 4 pay of the Police Union's contract. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury Update: Chief Pugner stated that Off. Perrone is still on military leave and expects to be back in a month or so.

Personnel Update: Chief Pugner said that Whitney Carter will be sworn in tomorrow morning (October 21).

8. Executive Session: Personnel Matter:

The motion to enter Executive session and invite Chief Pugner was made by Comm. Rubino at 7:35 pm.

Executive session exited at 7:41 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary