



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 November 17, 2021, 6:30 pm

Attending: Anthony Rubino, Kevin Cleary, Amy Mannion, Peter Valenti, Richard Kolwicz, Chief
Stephen Pagner, First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker

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Chairman Rubino called meeting @ 6:30 pm

1. Public Input:

Mr. Knickerbocker clarified that the Planning & Zoning Committee only wants an advisory opinion from the Police Commission for the proposed electronic sign at the High School, which had been discussed at the last meeting.

Comm. Rubino made a motion to add the Whittlesey Drive Sign to Old Business on the agenda. Seconded by Comm. Mannion.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the Minutes from the October 20, 2021 meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Comm. Mannion abstained. Vote, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller reports: Chief Pagner noted that the new cars came in and are reflected in the Capital Equipment account. A discussion ensued regarding the increase in the clothing allowance account.

Overtime report: Chief Pagner said overtime is on track for the year, and advised it will be higher next month due to training and several arrests that caused overtime this past week.

Capital Plan Update: Chief Pugner updated the Capital Plan and will be submitting it to the town this week. He noted that the radios in vehicles need to be replaced soon and eventually the town will need to upgrade the entire radio system for the police, fire departments, and ambulances.

4: Old Business:

Police Range update: Chief Pugner said there seems to be no more leaks in range. He will be meeting with the Building Committee Chairman soon to give them equipment information so they put it out to bid.

Body Camera update: Chief Pugner said the order for the body cameras is in and the anticipated delivery is the end of December or early January.

New CAD System update: Chief Pugner said there is a kickoff meeting on Friday morning and it will probably be installed early next year.

Dolan Plaza Crosswalk: Chief Pugner said they are waiting to hear back from the state DOT but there have been a few upgrades already.

Whittlesey Drive Sign: Discussion ensued, and a motion was made by Comm. Rubino to agree with the recommendations of Lt. Durkin, including that the sign be off during high traffic times, and advise Planning & Zoning so they can move forward with approving the sign. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Chief Pugner pointed out that this past month was busy and there motor vehicle arrests were up. He told the commission that Off. Ditullio has been assigned to help with traffic at the schools and enforcement during the day until the end of December. Off. Perun will be assigned in January.

A motion to accept the reports was made by Comm. Rubino. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

Letter from Mr. Cooper was received complementing Sgt. Zavatsky and Officer Perun.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness and Injury: Chief Pugner said that Off. Perrone is still out and will hopefully be back in January.

Personnel Update: Chief Pugner said that Off. Carter is doing very well and will be on her own soon and that Off. Fracassini will be graduating the Academy in December.

8. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

9. Commissioner's Comments

This was Tony Rubino's last meeting and he was thanked for being chairman and for all the work he has done. Mr. Rubino said it was his privilege to serve and expressed his appreciation of all the commissioners and how they all worked well together.

The motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Kolwicz @ 7:11 pm. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary