



Bethel Police Commission

12 Judd Avenue
Bethel, CT 06801
Amy Mannion, Chairman

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Bethel Police Commission
Bethel Police Department, 12 Judd Ave.
Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 6:30 pm

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Attending: Kevin Cleary, Amy Mannion, Peter Valenti, Richard Kolwicz, Patrick Morton, Chief Pugner, Capt. Burnes, Lt. Durkin

Vice-Chairman Cleary called the meeting @ 6:30 pm and made a motion to add the election of new officers to the agenda. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor. Motion approved. Comm. Kolwicz made a motion to add Conditional Offer Extension to New Business. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor. Motion approved.

Comm. Morton nominated Amy Mannion for Chairman. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor. Motion approved. Comm. Morton nominated Peter Valenti for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor. Motion approved.

1. Public Input:

No public input.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the Dec. 7, 2021 Special Meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

The motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Comm. Morton abstained. Vote, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports: A discussion ensued regarding the capital items and professional services. Chief Pugner noted that the overtime is on track for the year. Comm.

Cleary asked to see last year's totals to compare to. Chief Pugner will have the report for next month's meeting.

Operating budget: Chief Pugner went over each category and noted the contractual increases, additional costs due to higher prices, and higher contracted services for body cameras and the new CAD system. Chief Pugner also noted that the department will be needing at least 4 new vehicles due to many older ones needing replacement. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Comm. Kolwicz to accept the proposed budget with the adjustment of adding an additional officer to the proposed budget. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

4: Old Business:

Police Range Update: Chief Pugner said the town will be hiring an Owner's Representative to oversee the completion.

Body Cameras and new CAD System Update: Chief Pugner said the body cameras should be arriving any day now and the new CAD system is expected to be up and running in March or April.

Dolan Plaza Crosswalk: Lt. Durkin explained that the state denied the grant for the flashing sign. He noted that there have been several safety improvements made to the crosswalk the past few months and recommended waiting to see if there are still issues before requesting that the town pay for a flashing sign.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Chief Pugner noted the increased arrests are normal for this time of year.

6 Cindy Lane and 64 Wooster St.: Lt. Durkin said he found no site-line issues with either proposed project. The motion to accept 6 Cindy Lane was made by Comm. Morton. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved. The motion to accept 64 Wooster St. was made by Comm. Cleary. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Hickok Ave: Lt. Durkin said that a car failed to stop at the bottom of the road and hit a house on Wooster St. The owner requested for something to be done for safety. The Highway Department erected a "Stop Ahead" sign, painted lines at the Stop sign, and put arrow signs on Wooster St. to alert drivers to stop.

Reservoir Road: A letter was received requesting speed enforcement on Reservoir Road to slow down traffic. Lt. Durkin stated that he put the speed sign out and officers will be doing Selective Enforcement in January.

Traffic Position Update: Chief Pugner noted that Off. Ditullio has been doing a good job with traffic stops and the position will be going to Off. Perun beginning in January.

Meeting Dates for 2022: Comm. Cleary made a motion to accept the 2022 meeting dates after adding January 18, 2023 to the list. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Comm. Kolwicz made a motion to change the meeting times to 6:00 pm beginning with the January meeting. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.
Conditional Hire Date Extension: The motion to extend the conditional offer another 30 days to Jae Hemingway was made by Comm. Cleary. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

A note on Facebook was shared that complemented officers for quickly finding and helping a lost elderly male who was having health issues.

A letter was received from David Lanzara of the same complaint the Commission addressed last May.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness and Injury: Chief Pugner said that Off. Perrone will be out on military leave for the next year.

Personnel Hiring Update: Chief Pugner stated that they are moving forward with a new candidate.

8. Executive Session: School Security

The motion to enter Executive Session and invite Chief Pugner and Captain Burnes was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 7:26 pm. Seconded by Comm. Morton.

Executive Session ended at 7:40 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary