



Bethel Police Commission

12 Judd Avenue
Bethel, CT 06801
Amy Mannion - Chairman

Minutes of Regular Meeting Bethel Police Commission

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 6:00 pm

Video link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6690515605>

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

Chairman Mannion called the meeting at 6:01 pm

1. Public Input:

No public input

2. Review of past minutes:

It was noted that there were a few corrections to last month's minutes to be made. Comm. Valenti made a motion to nominate Comm. Morton for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor. Motion approved.

The letter requesting speed enforcement was for Reservoir Street, not Reservoir Road.

The motion to approve the minutes with the corrections from the December 15, 2021 meeting was made by Comm. Morton. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports: Chief Pugner noted that overtime is less than last year so far, but will increase with the upcoming training. He also pointed out that overtime has been about the same for the past 5 years.

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Operating Budget Update: Chief Pugner said he met with the Selectmen and went over the budget and will be presenting it to the Board of Finance on February 8th, 2022.

4: Old Business:

Chief Pugner advised the commission on the following topics:

Police Range Update: An Owner's Representative was hired and there will be a meeting in the next week or so.

Body Camera Update: Delivery is expected in the near future.

New CAD System Update: Lt. Bryce has been working on the new data base and the CAD system is on track to be up and running in March or April.

New Hire Update: New applications are being taken and interviews will take place sometime in March.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: There were no comments or questions.

48-50 Stony Hill Road: Lt. Durkin said there is a proposal for 137 residential units near the Copper Square property. The builders had a professional traffic study done and he does not see any issues with the site lines or traffic. He recommended the proposal be sent to Planning & Zoning. A motion to send the proposal to Planning & Zoning was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote, all in favor. Motion approved.

State DOT Traffic Light Project: Lt. Durkin advised the commission that DOT will be proactively re-lamping numerous traffic lights this summer.

Traffic Position Update: Chief Pugner said that Off. Ditullio made about 100 stops for the month of December.

6. Correspondence:

Chief Pugner noted there were many generous donations received by the department for the holidays.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury: Chief Pugner said there were several people out sick or on quarantine a few weeks ago but most are back.

Personnel Hiring Update: There were no new updates.

8. Executive Session: Personnel Issue

The motion to enter Executive Session, inviting Chief Pugner and Secretary Kavallines, was made by Comm. Valenti at 6:19 pm. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Comm. Morton. Seconded by Comm. Valenti at 6:22 pm.

9. Commissioner's Comments

A discussion ensued regarding the growth of the population in town due to all of the new buildings and the need for more police officers.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 6:25 pm. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary