



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 February 16, 2022, 6:00 pm

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Attending: Amy Mannion, Peter Valenti, Kevin Cleary, Richard Kolwicz, Patrick Morton, Chief Pugner, Lt. Durkin, Lt. Bryce, Off. Morris, Off. Ditullio

Chairman Mannion called the meeting @ 6:00 pm

1. Public Input:

No public input.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2022 meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.
Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports: Chief Pugner said overtime is a little lower than last year so far, but it will be going up due to training that is scheduled in the next few weeks. Some contracted services will be due and will be reflected on upcoming reports.
Operating Budget Update: Chief Pugner said the budget was discussed with the boards and the Selectmen will be presenting it to the Finance Board next week.

4: Old Business:

Chief Pugner updated the commission on the following topics:

Police range: There is a meeting scheduled next week with the Owner's Representative and Action Target for equipment.

Body Cameras: The cameras are here and we are now waiting for the servers to be updated.
New CAD System: Lt. Bryce is currently working on the data conversion and hopefully the new system will be running in about 60 days.
New Hires: Applications will be closing soon and initial interviews will be scheduled for Feb. 28th and March 1st.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Discussion ensued and it was noted that the majority of arrests were non-residents.

Traffic Position Update: Chief Pugner will be e-mailing the commissioners last month's stats and that Off. Perun is doing well with stops.

Puppies Behind Bars: Off. Morris and Off. Ditullio did a presentation of the Puppies Behind Bars service dog program.

New Orders: Comm. Mannion made a motion to approve the updated orders: 5.1 Use of Force, 5.2 Conducted Electronic Weapons, and 5.6 Less Lethal Weapons/Munitions. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

David Lanzara Complaint: Lt. Bryce said that Mr. Lanzara requested he be put on the agenda. However, he failed to show up for this the meeting. The commissioners were advised of his complaints, were given the Internal Investigation report, and they agreed with the findings of the report. Comm. Mannion made a motion to respond to Mr. Lanzara in writing. The motion was seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

A thank you letter was addressed to Officers Beamonte and Fekieta for the Toy Drive. The Ippolito's thanked Chief Pugner and the department with trays of cookies.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury: Chief Pugner said there is 1 officer currently out with back injury and will hopefully be back soon.

Personnel Recruitment Update: Discussed under Old Business.

Chief Pugner showed the commissioners a dashcam video by an officer who came upon what turned out to be a catalytic convertor theft in progress. The offenders took off before contact was made. The officer attempted to pull the car over but because of the no-pursuit law, the officer could only briefly follow the non-compliant vehicle and stopped when it took off at a high speed.

8. Executive Session

At 7:08 pm, Comm. Mannion made a motion to go in executive session, inviting Chief Pagner, to discuss the School Security General Order update. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz.

Executive Session and the meeting ended at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary