



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 August 17, 2022, 6:00 pm

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Attending: Peter Valenti, Kevin Cleary, Richard Kolwicz, Chief Pagner, Capt. Burnes, First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Alexa Larsen
Absent: Amy Mannion, Patrick Morton

Comm. Cleary called the meeting @ 6:01 pm

Comm. Kolwicz nominated Comm. Cleary to run the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Valenti.
Vote, motion approved.

1. Public Input:

Alexa Larsen told the commission about numerous issues she has experienced in town which include: computer crimes, false reports, misuse of services, protection drama, stalking, and safety issues. She will be composing a full report and will be giving it to the commission.

Matt Knickerbocker thanked the commission for their work and spoke about the completing of the gun range.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2022 meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, motion approved.

The vote to approve the minutes from the special meeting on August 1, 2022 was tabled until the next meeting.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports: Chief Pugner noted the reports reflect the new fiscal year. Overtime is a little high due to vacations and summertime activity. The final end of year comptroller report will be available in a few weeks.

4: Old Business:

Chief Pugner updated the commission on the following topics:

Police Range: Nothing new since last meeting. A discussion of the project ensued.

Body Cameras: The program is going well and is overall successful with having just a few minor issues.

New CAD System: The administrative training for reports was postponed until September.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Chief Pugner gave the commission several versions of reports so they can compare them and decide what is wanted for future meetings. He noted that the number of motor vehicle stops is up.

New General Order: Order for Ch. 2, Sec. 3 Employee ID's was updated because of changes in the new CAD system. The motion to accept the new order was made by Comm. Kolwicz.

Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, motion approved.

Hoyt Road Speed Complaint: A resident is requesting speed humps to help with speeding on the road. Chief Pugner recommended to the commission that Lt. Durkin do a speed study to evaluate the problem. A motion to have Lt. Durkin do a speed study on Hoyt Road was made by Comm. Cleary. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

A letter thanking Officers Fekieta and Robinson for their help at Brookfield's National Night Out was sent from Brookfield Chief of Police Puglisi.

7. Chief's Report:

Chief Pugner said there were no changes since last meeting of sick or injured officers. He noted that Off. Perrone will be coming back from military leave later in the fall.

Chief Pugner said there is another National Night Out scheduled in October and the department will be participating with both fire departments, possibly at the Municipal Center. Chief Pugner updated the commission on Personnel/Hiring. He said that 1 candidate is out and the next on the list is having their background check done this week. Off. Bria is starting FTO and Off. Wilson is doing well at the academy.

Chief Pugner told the commission the department is exploring joining Brookfield and Newtown's Police Cadet Program next year. A discussion of the new SRO assignments ensued.

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. Commissioner's Comments

Comm. Cleary brought up crosswalk concerns. This was discussed and it was agreed to ask the Highway Dept. to repaint faded crosswalks and replace missing signs.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 6:43 pm. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary