



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 November 16, 2022, 6:00 pm

Attending: Amy Mannion, Peter Valenti, Kevin Cleary, Richard Kolwicz, Patrick Morton, Chief Pagner, Lt. Durkin
Tom Wolff

Chairman Mannion called the meeting @ 6:00 pm

1. Public Input:

Mr. Wolff expressed concerns of aggressive drivers and speeders on Old Hawleyville Road.

2. Review of past minutes:

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

The motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting on November 7, 2022 was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Comm. Mannion abstained. Vote, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports: Chief Pagner pointed out a new column on the overtime report for extra duty and went over what the other columns include.

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4: Old Business:

Police Range Update: Lt. Durkin said that Action Target is designing the air system and it will be reviewed by the architect. It is estimated that construction will begin between May and July.

Pleasant St. Speed Bump Request: Lt. Durkin spoke to the complainant and let him know he will put the speed sign out for a few weeks to identify peak hours for future traffic enforcement.

Kayview Ave. Sign Request: Comm. Mannion supports the sign since it was made at the request of the family. A discussion ensued. A motion to research getting a sign and talk to the neighbors was made by Comm. Mannion. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Chief Pugner said he will be working on getting more specialized reports made.

New Order: Chief Pugner said the new General Order has changes due to NexGen and other legal updates. The motion to accept General Order Chapter 4, Sec. 2 Warrants, Arrest & Search was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Route 53 & Nashville Rd Stop Sign Request: A motion to forward the request to the State for a stop sign on Route 53 was made by Comm. Mannion. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

Letters were received praising Special Officer Stein and thanking Lt. Durkin and Off. Fekieta.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury: Chief Pugner told the commission there are currently 3 officers still out and 1 will be out for non-work related surgery for a few months.

Personnel Hiring Update: Chief Pugner said they are moving forward with hiring a candidate in the next few weeks and Off. Wilson will be graduating the academy next month.

Use of Force Training: Chief Pugner said he postponed the training because there are too many people out right now.

Chief Pugner announced that Off. Butkier was assigned as detective and he will be holding off filling the rotating temporary position until more officers are back on the road.

He also noted that that two new cars just came in, including the new traffic vehicle.

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive session.

9. Commissioner's Comments

Comm. Kolwicz noted there was a stop sign missing on Passage Road. Chief Pugner said the Highway Dept. was notified.

Comm. Cleary discussed the TOD plan showing another passage on Durant going over the tracks and expressed concerns on all future plans. It was decided that someone from the Police Commission will begin to attend the TOD meetings.

Comm. Valenti said the speed bumps are working in the school complex but cars are now cutting through and speeding in the Junior parking lot. Comm. Mannion made a motion to look into getting additional speed bumps in the Junior lot and putting this on next month's agenda. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Comm. Valenti also discussed how bad the lighting was at an accident scene was on Walnut Hill Road last week. A discussion ensued about the Accident Investigation Team.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 6:45 pm.

Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary