



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, April 19, 2023, 6:00 pm

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Attending: Amy Mannion, Peter Valenti, Kevin Cleary, Richard Kolwicz, Patrick Morton, Chief Pagner, Capt. Burnes
Lauren Robinson

Chairman Mannion called the meeting @ 6:00 pm

1. Public Input:

Lauren Robinson requested a "One Way" sign for Katrina Circle. Chief Pagner will have Lt. Durkin look into it.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2023 meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

The motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2023 special meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports: Chief Pagner noted that the end of the fiscal year is near. There were no discussions or comments on the reports.

23/24 Budget update: Chief Pagner told the commission that the new budget was voted on and passed. Overtime was cut a little and a new officer position was approved for hire in January of 2024.

4: Old Business:

Chief Pugner updated the commission on the following:

Police Range Update: There are no updates except the projected construction date is now October or November.

Gun Replacement: The guns could be in anytime now.

Police Radio Replacement: The new radios are expected to arrive in July or August.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Chief Pugner noted that he has given the commissioners different types of reports each month and asked the commissioners to let him know which reports they prefer going forward.

New Orders: Chief Pugner said they are updating and making changes to General Orders these next few months because of CALEA. He briefly went over the changes. The motion to accept the changes to General Orders Ch. 3, Sec. 2 Dress Code, Ch. 4, Sec. 8 Strip Searches, and Ch. 10, Sec. 1 Evidence Collection, was made by Comm. Morton. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

Exchange Club Dinner: Chief Pugner told the commissioners they are invited to the Exchange Club Dinner on May 11th where they will be honoring the Bethel Police Department's 2019-2022 Officers of the Year.

6. Correspondence:

Dimeglio Academy Report Card: Chief Pugner showed the commission how well the newly graduated officer did at the academy.

Fekieta Email: A commendation was received for SRO Fekieta by a parent at the middle school.

7. Chief's Report:

Chief Pugner informed the commission on the following:

Sickness & Injury: An officer just went out on injury but is expected back in about a month and several are still out.

Personnel Hiring Update/Recruitment: Officers Dimeglio and Paskowski are on FTO, Off. Calle is halfway through the academy, Off. McGrath just started, and the background investigation is almost complete for the new hire.

DB School: The Fairfield County Detective School is being hosted here for the next 2 weeks.

Police Contract: The contract for the Police Union was settled and approved.

Emerson Swearing In: The promotion ceremony for Sgt. Emerson will commence after the Police Commission meeting adjourns.

8. Commissioner's Comments:

Comm. Morton wished to thank Off. Silva for all his help on an ambulance call he went on Easter morning.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 6:19 pm. Seconded by Comm. Valenti. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary