



Bethel Police Commission

12 Judd Avenue
Bethel, CT 06801
Anthony Rubino - Chairman

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Bethel Police Commission
Bethel Police Department, 12 Judd Ave.
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 6:00 pm

Attending: Tony Rubino, Amy Mannion, Kevin Cleary, Richard Kolwicz, Patrick Morton, Chief Pugner

Chairman Rubino called the meeting at 6:00 pm.

1. Public Input:

There was no public input.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting was made by Comm. Mannion. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Comm. Morton abstained. Vote, motion approved.

The motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2023 meeting was made by Comm. Mannion. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Comm. Cleary abstained. Vote, motion approved.

The motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2023 meeting was made by Comm. Morton. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Comm. Cleary and Comm. Rubino abstained. Vote, motion approved.

The motion to approve the minutes from the Special January 10, 2024 meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports:

There were no comments or questions on the November and December Comptroller Reports. Comm. Kolwicz made a motion to accept the Comptroller Reports for November and December. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

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Chief Pugner noted that the overtime numbers have been high due to staffing shortages and that many people take time off in December. He also pointed out that the Town Extra Duty is already over \$50,000 and it is not considered in the yearly police overtime budget. This will need to be pointed out to the Board of Finance.

4: Old Business:

Chief Pugner updated the commission on the following:

Police Range Update: The air handler was delivered last week and Action Target has been working on the range. They expect to be completed in March.

Police Radio Replacement Update: The car radios are all installed except in the Captain and Chief's cars.

K9 Update: Off. Ammon was certified in December and he and Rebel are on the road.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Comm. Rubino asked about some of the call count numbers, as they seemed to be low. Comm. Cleary asked about having a location noted where the traffic stops are taking place. Chief Pugner said he will see about running different reports.

New Policies: Chief Pugner said he did not have any new policy changes right now. He showed the commission a proposed tactical vest he wanted pre-approval on before making changes to the Uniform Policy. A discussion ensued and the commissioners were in agreement it should be added to the Uniform policy.

New Dispatcher Pay Step: Chief Pugner recommended that newly hired Dispatcher Rivalsi be paid at Step C of the union contract since he is already certified and experienced. Comm. Kolwicz made a motion to start Dispatcher Rivalsi at Step C pay. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

A generous donation was received from Hollandia Nursery.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury: Chief Pugner said there are a few people still out and one on light duty.

Personnel Hiring Update/Recruitment: Chief Pugner told the commissioners the two recruits in the academy are doing well. A discussion ensued.

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. Commissioner's Comments

Comm. Cleary brought up that traffic cameras will now be allowed by the state for ticketing.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 7:04 pm.

Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Kavallines".

Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary