



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, February 21, 2024, 6:00 pm

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Attending: Tony Rubino, Amy Mannion, Kevin Cleary, Richard Kolwicz, Patrick Morton, Chief Pugnier, Capt. Burnes, Lt. Libertini

Chairman Rubino called the meeting at 6:00 pm

A motion to move a few Old Business items to the beginning of the meeting so Lt. Libertini can show the commission the range and parking lot issues was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion to add the Budget Update to the Budget Report and Nuvance Health letter to Correspondence was made by Comm. Mannion. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

1. Public Comment:

No public comment.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2024 meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports: Chief Pugnier noted that overtime slowed down but is still high overall. There were no comments or questions.

Budget Update: Chief Pugner said the Board of Selectman made a few cuts at their last meeting before it goes before the Board of Finance.

Comm. Morton made a motion to accept the Comptroller and Overtime reports. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

4: Old Business:

Police Range Update: At the start of the meeting, Lt. Libertini brought to commissioners to see the progress of the range construction, which is almost complete.

Canopy and Parking Lot Expansion: The commissioners viewed the proposed canopy location and lot expansion when they went to see the range.

Dress Code Change Update: Sgt. Cleary came into the meeting to model one of the proposed load carrying vests. A discussion ensued.

Wolfpits Road Study: Lt. Durkin completed the traffic study and submitted his recommendation for continuous selective enforcement.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: Chief Pugner noted that he is working on getting the reports corrected to reflect the correct number of paramedic calls to Redding. A discussion ensued regarding the increase in traffic stops. The motion to accept the monthly reports was made by Comm. Mannion. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

Katrina Circle: Chief Pugner was informed that even with the new sign, drivers are still going down the wrong way. Comm. Mannion recommended to have Lt. Durkin look at the sign and see if changes need to be made. Chief Pugner and the commission concurred.

6. Correspondence:

Chief Pugner presented the following letters:

A letter thanking Sgt. Robinson and K-9 Penny for their help from Ridgefield Police Dept.

A letter from the Megan Alworth-Khazadian thanking Capt. Burnes for her caring and compassion that positively impacted one of her cases.

A letter of appreciation from a Nuvance Health caseworker for Sgt. Zavatsky, Off. Iadarola, and Off. Hoffman for their outstanding help during a crisis intervention.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury: Chief Pugner said there is still 1 dispatcher out on FMLA and an officer will be having surgery in March. Off. Silva will be moved temporarily to an SRO position.

Personnel Hiring Update/Recruitment: Chief Pugner noted that the 2 recruits in the academy are doing well.

8. Executive Session

There was no executive session

9. Commissioner's Comments

Comm. Cleary said he went to the meeting for the Mobility Study and mentioned a few proposals.

Comm. Mannion thanked the Bethel police officers for doing a great job at an ambulance call at her residence.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 7:03 pm. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary