



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, May 15, 2024 6:00 pm

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Attending: Tony Rubino, Amy Mannion, Kevin Cleary, Richard Kolwicz, Patrick Morton, Chief Pugner, Capt. Burnes, Sgt. Zavatsky

Chairman Rubino called the meeting at 6:00 pm

1. Public Comment:

No public comments.

A motion to add Roadway Safety Requests to Old Business was made by Comm. Morton. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from April 17, 2024 was made by Comm. Cleary. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Comm. Mannion abstained. Vote, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports:

There were a few questions on some items on the Comptroller Report. Chief Pugner noted that the dispatcher overtime is high due to being short 2 dispatchers. A discussion ensued about the high extra duty overtime caused by town roadwork. Chief Pugner said the town wants to leave it in the police budget. Comm. Mannion made a motion to accept the Comptroller and Overtime reports. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

4: Old Business:

Chief Pugner updated the commission on the following:

Police Range Update: The air handler still needs to be tested. When everything is all set, Action Target will come out to do training on the equipment.

Animal Shelter Update: The building failed the State inspection a few days ago. The Town is exploring a few options to replace the building.

Capital Requests: The replacement of the MACO vehicle will probably happen this year. Tasers need to be replaced since the service contract expired and parts are not available. A discussion on replacement costs and training ensued.

Roadway Safety Requests: A letter was received from a resident noting previous requests for stop lines at several stop signs. Chief Pugner will assign Lt. Durkin to follow up with the Highway Department and the resident, then report back next month.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: There was a brief discussion but no questions.

New Policy: The policy was updated to include the new tactical vest. Comm. Mannion made a motion to accept the updated General Order Ch.3, Section 2 Dress Code policy. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

140 Greenwood Ave: Lt. Durkin evaluated the building proposal and did not find any different sightline or roadway issues since there are existing businesses there already. There was a discussion regarding the street parking in that area and how it is difficult to see coming out of that lot. Comm. Kolwicz made a motion for Lt. Durkin to revisit the sightlines coming out of the lot and evaluate eliminating parking spots on the road. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

18 Stony Hill Road: Comm. Kolwicz made a motion to accept Lt. Durkin's approval for sightlines and roadway at 18 Stony Hill Road. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

CT Challenge Bicycle Race and Freedom Isn't Free Motorcycle Ride: Comm. Mannion made a motion to approve the CT Challenge Bicycle Race and Freedom Isn't Free Motorcycle Ride. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

Chief Pugner showed the commission a donation to the Police Department that was received.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury: Chief Pugner said there are a few officers out for various reasons and one officer is currently on light duty.

Personnel Hiring Update/Recruitment: The 2 officers in the academy will be graduating in a few weeks. Chief Pugner will let the commissions know the date.

Parade Day: Chief Pugner said next Sunday, May 19th, the lineup and brief ceremony will begin at 11:45 followed by lunch and then the parade.

Training Update: Chief Pugner noted that several officers have attended different trainings the last few weeks that include: Detective School, Bike training, Crisis Intervention, and a narcotics class. The Chief's annual training will take place next week.

9. Commissioner's Comments:

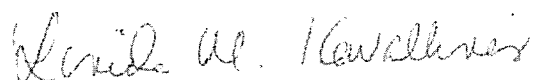
Comm. Morton pointed out the NexGen reports are still not reflecting the correct medic calls to Redding. Chief Pugner said he will look into it.

Comm. Cleary said the crosswalk by Jacqueline's on Greenwood Ave. is unsafe and needs to be looked at.

Comm. Rubino asked about who does the equipment installation and wiring in the cars and suggested Capt. Burnes head up next month's meeting.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 7:02 pm. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary