



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, June 19, 2024 6:00 pm

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Attending: Tony Rubino, Amy Mannion, Richard Kolwicz, Patrick Morton, Chief Pugner, Lt. Durkin

Absent: Kevin Cleary

Public: James Modzelewski, Carol Modzelewski

Chairman Rubino called the meeting at 6:00 pm

1. Public Comment:

James Modzelewski inquired about the process for his company to be put on the towing rotation for the town.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2024 meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

Comm. Kolwicz made a motion to add "Modzelewski Towing" to New Business. Seconded by Comm. Mannion. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

Comm. Mannion made a motion to add "9/11 Ride" to New Business. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

3. Budget Report:

Comptroller and Overtime Reports:

Chief Pugner noted that there was a wrong entry on the Comptroller report, which has since been fixed. Comm. Morton pointed out that police overtime is over on the Overtime report.

Chief Pugner said he has made the Comptroller aware and there are some reimbursements that are not reflected on that report. He said that Dispatch overtime is still high but expected to drop since 1 new dispatcher just went on her own. 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 range is complete and just waiting for the C.O. from the Town. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for Tuesday, June 25th at 11:00.

Dress Code Change Update: A discussion ensued regarding the new load carrying vest.

140 Greenwood Ave.: Lt. Durkin stated that the CT D.O.T. is in charge of parking on Greenwood Ave. and the commission can suggest the builder reach out to them to fix the site-line issue. A motion to recommend to the builder the parking spot to the left of the driveway as you pull out be removed, and make it right-turn only, was made by Comm. Rubino. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: A discussion ensued on citations and warnings for passing a school bus.

FOI Request: Chief Pugner said an FOI request for uniform reimbursement records for April 2024 was made and the information was sent out by the Finance Dept.

New Policies: Chief Pugner said the new policy for the Range was not ready yet.

Modzelewski Towing: A discussion ensued and the Chief and commission agreed to add Modzelewski Towing as backup to the backup towing list.

9/11 Ride: The 9/11 Motorcycle Ride will be coming through town same as in the past years. Comm. Kolwicz made a motion to approve the 9/11 Ride. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

Cornwell Letter: A letter of thanks for improving the safety on several roads was received. Chief Pugner showed the commission a Letter of Commendation for Off. Paskowski for a major drug arrest on 6/5/24.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury and Personnel Hiring Update/Recruitment:

Chief Pugner said one officer is retiring in July and one in September. The background check on a new candidate will begin this week. He also noted that there are still several officers out and one on light duty. Officers Lee and Ross graduated the academy last week and just started field training. He also mentioned that the Town just hired a new company for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

8. Commissioner's Comments

Comm. Morton said a resident on Plumtrees Road complained about speeding on the road. Chief Pugner said they will add it to the Selective Enforcement list. He also mentioned that residents are complaining about cars parking on the corner of Pleasant St. and Glenwood. Chief Pugner said that is being looked into.

Comm. Rubino would like to submit a letter to the Charter Revision Commission to make sure the Police Commission can continue to meet at the Police Department.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 6:45 pm. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary