



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, July 17, 2024 6:00 pm

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

Absent: Kevin Cleary

Chairman Rubino called the meeting at 6:00 pm

1. Public Comment:

No public comments.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 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 Pugner said this report showed the end of the fiscal year numbers, but some entries and adjustments would still be made until the end of August as some bills are still coming in. Questions about the overages for the clothing allowance and Salaries/Overtime were raised. Chief Pugner said the Clothing Allowance was higher due to all the new officers that were recently hired and the Comptroller is aware of this. Salaries/Overtime was over because of being down Dispatchers and according to the Comptroller, there are still some outstanding reimbursements not reflected on the report. A discussion ensued about the Bike Patrol. The motion to accept the reports was made by Comm. Morton. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

4: Old Business:

Capital Budget Requests: Chief Pugner said he will be meeting and discussing with the First Selectman and Comptroller upcoming items including new vehicles and Tasers.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: There were no questions or discussions.

Lt. Durkin submitted a memo detailing the following proposals:

22 Stony Hill Road: A gas station is proposed to be built on the corner of Stony Hill Road and Vail Road. He found no potential traffic issues.

165 Grassy Plain Street: An addition to a warehouse is proposed at the corner of Grassy Plain Street and Second Lane. He found no potential traffic issues.

24A Turkey Plain Road: A proposal to add an additional story to the building. He found no sight or volume issues.

The motion to accept the proposals for 22 Stony Hill Road, 165 Grassy Plain Street, and 24A Turkey Plain Road was made by Comm. Mannion. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

New Policies: Chief Pugner said there were no new policies this month.

6. Correspondence:

A donation was received from a resident as well as a letter of appreciation from Capt. Burnes for those that helped with the Car Show a few weeks ago.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury and Personnel Hiring Update/Recruitment:

Chief Pugner said the officer on light duty and the one on maternity leave are expected back full duty by early September. There is one officer retiring on July 31st and 2 more expected to retire in the next month or so. He noted that the newly graduated officers are both doing well on their field training.

Printer Grant: Chief Pugner said the department just received a grant from the state to replace the old printers in the cruisers.

8. Executive Session

At 6:34, the motion to enter in Executive Session to discuss the promotional process with Chief Pugner was made by Comm. Mannion, inviting Capt. Burnes and Recording Secretary Kavallines. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

The motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:49 was made by Comm. Mannion. Seconded by Comm. Kolwicz.

9. Commissioner's Comments

Comm. Morton noted that the paramedic call numbers to Redding seemed closer to correct on the reports. He asked how the town is reimbursed by Redding for those calls and Chief Pugner said that the Finance Dept. handles that. He also said a resident on Pleasant Street complained again about parking issues. Chief Pugner said he has had patrol check the area and so far they have found no violations and he will have someone speak to the resident.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 6:54 pm. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary