Bethel Police Commission

12 Judd Avenue
Bethel, CT 06801
Anthony Rubino - Chairman

TOWN OF BETHEL
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LAND USE DEPT.

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Bethel Police Commission
Bethel Police Department, 12 Judd Ave.
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 6:00 pm

Attending: Tony Rubino, Kevin Cleary, Richard Kolwicz, Patrick Morton, Chief Stephen Pugner, Lt. Matt Zavatsky, Sgt. Adam Cleary, First Selectman Dan Carter
Absent: Amy Mannion
Public Attending: Laurian Martin, Cynthia Rauschert, Cynthia Williams-Kijewski, Lassona Williams, Christine LaRose, Nancy Sudik, Jane Vizi, Chris Hoch, Josh Tway, Dana Tway, Sean Ferguson, Gabriela Hernandez, Anna Stern

Chairman Rubino called the meeting at 6:00 pm

1. Public Comment:

Laurian Martin 113 Nashville Road: Stated traffic issues on Nashville Road and submitted petitions with signatures for traffic-calming measures.

Cynthia Rauschert 67 Nashville Road, Cynthia Williams-Kijewski 89 Nashville Road, Christine LaRose 6B Simeon Road, Nancy Sudik 2 Ridgedale Road, Jane Vizi 102 Nashville Road: Spoke about traffic and speeding issues on Nashville Road.

Josh and Dana Tway 2 Cole Lane: Requests 4-way stop signs for Bethel Crossing.

2. Review of past minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2025 Regular 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 a few questions on the Comptroller reports. There was a question on the high overtime for dispatch, which Chief Pugner noted it was due to people taking time off. 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:

Nashville Road: Lt. Zavatsky said that he and the Director of Public Works, Eric Swanson, have deliberated some traffic-calming measures that were discussed with the commission at October's meeting. Speed signs have been erected and selective enforcement traffic stops are being done by officers. A discussion on traffic stops and the increase of commercial vehicles ensued. Comm. Rubino read a letter submitted via e-mail from Mike Dragone of 65 Nashville Road, who stated his concerns of speeding and the traffic volume on the road. First Selectman Dan Carter discussed that speeding is also a problem on numerous roads in town.
MACO Shelter Update: Pictures of the shredded tarp currently on the garage roof at the Animal Shelter were discussed. Dan Carter said that the roof repair was approved and will be done soon. The Building Committee is working on finding a site for a new building, but right now the priority is a new Town Highway building.

5. New Business:

Monthly Reports, UCR: There were a few questions and discussion on the reports.
72 Reservoir Road: A request for 3 buildings was submitted. Lt. Zavatsky found no site-line issues.
67/69 Greenwood Ave.: A request for an 18-unit building where there is currently 2 houses. Lt. Zavatsky found no site-line issues.
16 Stony Hill Road: The building is being remodeled and Lt. Zavatsky said there will be no new site-line issues.
A motion to accept the traffic recommendations for Planning & Zoning for 72 Reservoir Road, 67/69 Greenwood Ave., and 16 Stony Hill Road was made by Comm. Cleary. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.
Bethel Crossing: Lt. Zavatsky said he will look into state approval for more stop signs at the intersections of Bethel Crossing.
Watch for Me CT: Anna Stern of the statewide education campaign "Watch for Me CT", gave a presentation on pedestrian safety. A discussion ensued. Comm. Rubino made a motion to support the "Watch for Me CT" social media campaign with the Town. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

Plate Readers: Chief Pugner said there were too many issues with the current license plate readers (LPR's) and new ones are needed. Comm. Rubino made a motion to request the Board of Selectman then Board of Finance to approve purchasing new LPR's. Seconded by Comm. Morton. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.
New order: Chief Pugner noted that the changes made in the General Order Ch. 6, Section 9, Persons Suffering From Mental Illness and/or Intoxicated Persons, were for state mandates and accreditation. Comm. Rubino made a motion to approve the changes in General Order Ch. 6, Section 9, Persons Suffering From Mental Illness and/or Intoxicated Persons. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote. All in favor, motion approved.

6. Correspondence:

Paskowski letter: A letter of commendation from Danbury Police Dept. was received for Off. Paskowski.

7. Chief's Report:

Sickness & Injury; Personnel Hiring Update/Recruitment:

Chief Pugner noted that there are 2 officers out on medical leave and 1 on military leave, the 3 new officers are doing well at the academy, and the background check is underway for a new hire when there is an academy opening.

8. Commissioner's Comments

The commissioners, Chief, and First Selectman thanked Comm. Kolwicz for his dedication and service on the Police Commission.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Kolwicz at 8:04 pm. Seconded by Comm. Cleary. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kavallines

Linda Kavallines, Recording Secretary