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Commissioners:
Christopher Giovino, Chairman
Adrienne Reedy
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POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Comstock Community Center Room 31

Date: March 4, 2024

**NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND APPROVAL AT
A FUTURE MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION**

Call To Order

Commission Chairman Chris Giovino called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners, Giovino, Adrienne Reedy and Thomas Sinchak, Chief Thomas Conlan, Deputy Chief Robert Cipolla and Captain Gregg Phillipson.

Public Comment

Numerous members of the public spoke regarding the recent incident at the Wilton High School where an unauthorized person was allowed entry into the building. The following individuals asked questions and presented their concerns:

Alex Mercado
Will Blake
Stephanie Solerti
Brie Howell
Michael Pettit
Meredith Lorig
Heather Dobson
Marcia Goodman
Lindsay Blake
Fiona Dyer
Amy Palmer
Jennifer Malloy
Kate Porano

There were several questions regarding the existing protocols for these types of situations and many of the speakers expressed a need for better communication to parents. Chief Conlan commented that the Department has been meeting with the Board of Education to review the current protocols and we expect to announce more information in the weeks ahead.

Executive Session

Chairman Giovino moved that the Commission go into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. During the Executive Session various legal and personnel matters were discussed, and Chief Conlan provided an update on school safety issues.

Chairman Giovino moved to return to the regular session at 6:20 p.m. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

No action was taken on the matters discussed in the Executive Session.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

Chairman Giovino made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Monthly Reports

Chief Conlan presented the Monthly Reports, including:

Activity Reports – a continued spike in automobile break in's was noted, which is consistent with what other neighboring towns are experiencing.

Detective Bureau Report

MAC Report/SEU Report

SRO Report

Overtime Report –we continue to exceed our budgeted overtime for FY 2024, largely due to the four (4) open officer positions which will be offset in whole or in part by the salaries/benefits that would have been paid if those positions were filled. We anticipate that there will be an increase in the overtime deficit to officer training scheduled for the coming months.

K-9 Report- a discussion was had as to whether to continue the K-9 program when the current dog, K9 Baso leaves service.

Training Report

Report of the Chief

Several compliments and expressions of gratitude received from the public since the last meeting were reviewed. There were no further comments or discussion.

Old Business

New Hire Update- two of the three candidates who were extended conditional offers of employment have accepted and will move on for further testing/evaluation.

Town Wide Radio Project- the Chief reported that the project is on schedule.

Building Update – Site work has commenced and the project is ongoing.

Accreditation Tier I and Tier II Status- Update - The Department has received both its Tier I and Tier II accreditations, which will be formally presented later this month at the POST-C Academy in Meriden. Chief Conlan noted that Officer Sean Baranowski was instrumental in obtaining the approval of our applications.

New Business

There were no new matters to discuss.

Reports from the Commissioners

No reports.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sinchak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reedy, with the motion passing unanimously. The meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Sinchak
Acting Secretary