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

Date: January 8, 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

No members of the public were in attendance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting

Chairman Giovino made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Monthly Reports

Chief Conlan presented the Monthly Reports, including:

Activity Reports
Detective Bureau Report
MAC Report/SEU Report
SRO Report

Overtime Report –Chief Conlan noted that we will likely exceed our budgeted overtime for FY 2024, largely due to the four (4) open officer positions, but that this will be offset in whole or in part by the salaries/benefits that would have been paid if those positions were filled.

K-9 Report 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.

Commissioner Reedy mentioned how impressed she was with a letter from the Wilton High School Science Department in regards to a Forensic Science class Lt. Anna Tornello assisted with. Reedy mentioned this would be something the department should promote to the public as a positive affect the department is having in the schools. Chief Conlan appreciated the input.

Old Business

New Hire Update- Captain Phillipson reported that he hopes to have several candidates available for interviews at the next Commission meeting. The two candidates who were offered dispatch positions both declined, so those positions remain open. He explained that two more applicants are having background checks completed and hopes to hire for the positions in the next month.

Town Wide Radio Project- no change since the last meeting.

Building Update - Chief Conlan said the project is moving along and that DPW personnel are going to take a more active role in project management.

Cannon Road - Commissioner Sinchak moved to add the traffic issues on Cannon Road to the agenda. Chairman Giovino seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chief Conlan reported that he had again spoken with a representative of the neighbors and planned to meet with them again to discuss potential solutions to their concerns. He will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

New Business

131 Danbury Road- the Wilton LTA reviewed the OSTA AD application materials for the proposed 131 Danbury Road development and concurred with the assessment that there will be no substantial impact to the state highway system. The application will be forwarded to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for its review and approval.

Officer Posadas/Release from lateral hire probation – Chairman Giovino moved and Commissioner Reedy seconded that Officer Posadas’ lateral hire probation period be deemed to have successfully concluded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sinchak moved to add the traffic studies on New Canaan Road and Westport Road to the agenda. Chairman Giovino seconded and the motion passed unanimously. After discussion, the following recommendations were unanimously approved:

New Canaan Road (Rt. 106)/Trails End Road – Request the CT DOT to review the intersection and determine if additional signs or a three way stop sign would improve safety.

Westport Road/Downe Lane- Request the CT DOT to review the intersection to determine if changes can be made to the sightline to the north while exiting Downe Lane.

Reports from the Commissioners

The Commission voted to move the March meeting from March 11th to March 4th.

Vote to Enter Executive Session

Chairman Giovino moved to go into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m., with Commissioner Reedy seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Conlan provided an update on pending legal and personnel matters.

Chairman Giovino moved to return to the regular session at 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

There were no matters discussed in Executive Session that requiring that any action be taken.

Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sinchak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reedy, with the motion passing unanimously. The meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Sinchak
Acting Secretary