

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: January 10, 2024

7:00 p.m.

**East Windsor Police Department
25 School Street, East Windsor, CT 06088**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Menard, Riordan, and Rivera-Hills were present. Also present was Chief Matthew Carl and Deputy Chief Benjamin Murphy. Present in the audience was Deputy First Selectman Marie DeSousa. Commissioner Filipone was absent.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: No added agenda items.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 13, 2023, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

MOTION made by Commissioner Menard to accept the regular meeting minutes of 12/13/2023.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) **Police Department – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Riordan to approve the monthly billing in the amount of \$18,168.40, dated January 4.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach noted the cost increase of uniforms.

SECONDED by Commissioner Rivera-Hills

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Rivera

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) **Police Department – Financial Statement:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Riordan to approve the monthly financial statements, with a balance of \$2,035,011.70.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach emphasized the budget being over in over-time. Chief Carl elaborated that it would continue to be an issue until they are fully staffed. Their officer salary line was 42 percent so at the end of the year it would hopefully absorb the over-time line item and might even have a surplus. The Police Department Overtime is 85 percent expended. They had approved compensation time. Chairman Leach requested itemized listed overtime items.

SECONDED by Commissioner Rivera-Hills

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

- C) **Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION TO TABLE** the monthly billing made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

- D) **Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION TO TABLE** the police commission monthly financial statement made by Commissioner Riordan.

SECONDED by Commissioner Rivera-Hills

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

6. **TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

9. **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

A) Commission Members:

Chairman Leach shared his encounter with the local resident inquiring the process for a road sign. He advised the resident to apply via Town's website.

B) Chief of Police

Chief Carl went over his monthly report with the Commissioners. The new dispatcher Osbourne starts next Tuesday, January 16th. Anthony Caldron is finishing up his trainings successfully and begin his FTO process. One of recruiters pulled out of the eligible applicants pool therefore, the department still has three unfilled positions. The lieutenant's office space is progressing successfully and the Public Work's staff had been incredibly good. This office would allow the department to have a unified flow of communication. The bonding for the radio system is processing smoothly. The Radio Tower Cell with the Verizon is going well.

Len Norton, Director of Public Works emailed a line-of-sight issue on 15 Kreysigg Road regarding. It was an on-going complaint that this Commission had dealt in the past. The overgrown trees of the house have caused two accidents and immediate action was needed to address it. It could not be solved with the Police interference. The trees must be cut back. Line sight of trees are too close to the road.

Financially, Chief Carl submitted the budget and would be meeting with the First Selectman Jason Bowsza the next day. It was noted that budget had gone up by almost \$200,000 due to union contracts, benefits, and overtimes. They attended a Purple Heart Ceremony presided by Senator Blumenthal. It was dedicated to a World War I veteran for injuries received in 1918. He and Deputy Chief had “coffee with a cop” with the senior residents at the Community Center. They hope to be invited again as they had a pleasant time. They also conducted an active shooter training at the local school.

10. PUBLIC INPUT – Comments and Discussion (3 minutes maximum time per subject)

No public input.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Rivera to enter into Executive Session at 7:17 pm to include Chief Matthew Carl and Deputy Chief Murphy for legal and security updates.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

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MOTION made by Commissioner Menard to end Executive Session at 7:50 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Rivera-Hills

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Menard

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Menard/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sabohat Khalilova - EWPC Recording Secretary