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Commissioners:
Christopher Giovino, Chairman
Adrienne Reedy
Thomas Sinchak

POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Comstock Community Center Room 8

Date: February 12, 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

Steven Georgeou, 63 Cannon Road, Barbara Geddes, 296 Cannon Road, and Sarah Curtis, 290 Cannon Road, spoke in favor of implementing enhanced traffic safety measures on Cannon Road, including electronic radar surveillance and the adoption of a no-through truck zone. Chief Conlan noted that electronic enforcement is still a new technology currently only being used in a few municipalities in Connecticut. He believes that it would be prudent to allow more time to evaluate the results in those towns before considering adopting it in Wilton. We will revisit the issue later this year. The Commission requested that Chief Conlan discuss various recommended traffic safety options with the Weston Police Department.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting

Chairman Giovino made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Monthly Reports

Chief Conlan presented the Monthly Reports, including:

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

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. Chief Conlan reiterated the Department's commitment to return to full staffing.

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.

Old Business

New Hire Update- Three candidate interviews were scheduled for this meeting. Captain Phillipson gave an update on future hiring processes to include lateral officers.

Town-Wide Radio Project- Chief Conlan reported that tower work is scheduled to be completed by the end of March, with a final completion of the project by this summer.

Building Update – Site work has commenced.

Cannon Road - Commissioner Reedy moved to accept the five recommendations that Lieutenant Hartman detailed in the monthly MAC Report. Chairman Giovino seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Major Traffic Generator- Request for Concurrence –

**241 Danbury Road
64 Danbury Road
20 Westport Road**

Commissioner Sinchak moved to approve the requests for concurrence for all three of these developments. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Accreditation Update – Captain Phillipson gave an update on the Department's Accreditation efforts and mentioned that, although it was determined that it is not necessary for the Town to have Tier II accreditation at this time, the plan is to proceed with the application as it will be required in 2025.

Memorial Day/ Independence Day Detours- LTA approval

Chief Conlan reviewed the detour plans for these two annual town events. Chairman Giovino moved to approve both proposals. Commissioner Sinchak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports from the Commissioners

No reports.

Vote to Enter Executive Session

Chairman Giovino moved to go into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m., with Commissioner Reedy seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission interviewed three candidates for the open patrol officer positions, and Chief Conlan provided an update on pending legal and personnel matters.

Chairman Giovino moved to return to the regular session at 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

The Commission voted to extend preconditional offers of employment to all three of the candidates that were interviewed. Employment of these applicants is contingent upon successful completion of the preconditional testing.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sinchak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reedy, with the motion passing unanimously. The meeting thereupon adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Sinchak
Acting Secretary