



# POLICE COMMISSION

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## Special Meeting - Minutes -

April 5, 2012, 5:00pm, Thursday

Attending:

Chairman Nicholas Ellis, Commissioner Chris McCollam,  
Commissioner Hugo Greco, Commissioner Dan Grosso,  
Commissioner Michael Duff, Chief Jeffrey Finch

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Chairman Ellis opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

### On the agenda:

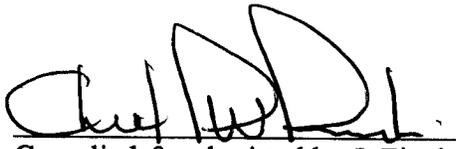
1. **One mile race** - Scheduled for June 2, 7:30am, at the Municipal Center for the benefit of BHS Scholarship Fund. **Motion:** By Comm Greco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm McCollam, to approve the race as outlined by Capt. Cedergren and the possible expenditure of \$900 for police security. Vote taken – unanimous.
2. **Polygraph Training** - Chief Finch requested approval for the expenditure of up to \$6,000 to send Sgt. Wright to a Polygraph training class. The Class is 8 weeks long and is held in Philadelphia PA. The total cost is around \$18,000. Sgt Wright has a personal interest in this education that goes beyond his employment with the department and is willing to pay the difference if the department would help him with room and board and transportation, thus the \$6,000. Sgt Wright was present and stated he was committed to remaining with the department for 2 to 3 years after the training and would thereafter continue to offer polygraph service free and/or discounted to the Bethel Police Department should he remain in the work. **Motion:** By Comm McCollam, to approve the expenditure of up to \$6,000 for Sgt Wright to attend the course, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Greco, vote taken – unanimous.
3. **New Dispatcher** - Chief Finch indicated that he is in the process of hiring a new dispatcher and requests permission to hire at a starting pay of step C(3) as the candidate is a current working dispatcher with another town and as such is fully certified. **Motion:** By Comm Greco, to approve the request at step C, \$20.47 an hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Grosso Vote taken – unanimous.
4. **Bicycle road signage** - (Old agenda issue) New signage sample presented by Lt. Dickinson concerning the signage of "Sharing the Road". **Motion:** By Comm Grosso, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm McCollam, to accept the signage design as presented. Discussion clarified that the sign would be 24" high x 30" wide (8-10 signs) and posted in that horizontal position with the 3 figures of a; bicycle, a pedestrian and a car. Vote taken – unanimous.

5. **Position of Executive Office – Captain. Motion:** By Comm Ellis to go into executive session to discuss search and hiring considerations of a new Captain position, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Greco, approved – unanimous, 5:41pm

Out of Executive session at 6:15pm

**Motion:** By Comm Duff that “at this time I move that we entertain the process of selecting a Captain from the ranks of the Bethel Police Department”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm McCollam. Discussion of the motion clarified that should the Commission not be satisfied with internal candidates they will move to look outside of the department for a qualified candidate. Vote taken – unanimous.

**Motion to adjourn** by Comm Greco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Duff,  
vote taken – unanimous, 6:27pm



Complied & submitted by J. Finch