



POLICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BETHEL POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEB 19, 2014
BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT-CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDING: CHAIRMAN MIKE DUFF
COMMISSIONER RICHARD KOLWICZ
COMMISSIONER ANTHONY RUBINO
CHIEF JEFFREY FINCH

ABSENT: VICE CHAIRMAN HUGO GRECO
COMMISSIONER CHRIS MCCOLLAM

Chairman Duff opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The Commission pledged allegiance to the flag.

1. General Public Comments
None
2. Review of Past Minutes for 1/15/14
Motion by Comm Kolwicz to accept the amended minutes of 1/15/14; seconded by Comm Rubino - unanimous
3. Budget Report
 - a) Comptrollers Report
Comm Rubino questioned a single line item
 - b) Overtime Report
Chief Finch reported overtime expenses as being \$28K less than last year-to-date mostly due to Dispatch being up to full strength.
4. Old Business
 - a) Monthly Reports
Commissioners considered the report
 - b) 2014-2015 Budget Review
Chief Finch confirmed that copies of the modified revised budget had been received by mail by the commissioners. Chairman Duff described the meeting with the Board of Finance discussing the 2014-2015 budget. The budget represents a 2.47% increase as it stands or 1.7% if one of the five requested cars is cut.

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5. New Business

a) Rt53/58 Detours for Bridge Repair in Redding

Redding will be replacing a bridge on Rt53 beyond Sidecut Rd. The request from the State is to divert northbound traffic from Redding onto Rt58 and southbound traffic onto Nashville Rd. The latter was not considered as advisable by the Commission.

Motion by Comm Kolwicz to direct the Chief to write a letter to the proper authorities that southbound traffic be redirected from Rt53 to Rt58 and not Nashville Rd; seconded by Comm Rubino – unanimous.

b) Bethel LaCross 5k – April 12

Captain Bruckenthal's report noted Bethel Lacross Youth Association hosting a 5k race on Saturday April 12th starting on School St 8:30 to 10:00 am on a route similar to other 5k events. Along with volunteers, five officers will be hired for crowd control. No problems are anticipated.

Motion by Chairman Duff to grant permission and assistance if needed to the Bethel Youth Association for the LaCross 5k on 4/12/14; seconded by Comm Kolwicz – unanimous.

c) Big Chili 5k Run March 2nd

Letter requesting approval of a race to be run from Danbury's Big Dome down School St, PT Barnum Sq, and back to the dome Sunday March 2nd

Motion by Chairman Duff to approve the Big Chili 5k Run on 3/2/14 conditional upon hiring and providing adequate and necessary security; seconded by Comm Kolwicz – unanimous.

d) DOT Light Upgrades

Addressing this initial public disclosure and input probe by the DOT, Lt Dickinson described three locations as at the railroad bridge over Rt53, Grassy Plain just past Subway and the intersection of Milwaukee and Greenwood Av. The signs on which they are mounted will be the same size but the lights will be larger, incandescent to LED's in the proper retro-reflective grade. The Commissioners were all in favor of the upgrade. Chairman Duff signed the documentation.

e) Subdivision 42 Payne Rd

This application by the builder concerns the construction of a single dwelling. The driveway is in the middle of a downhill "S" curve. Lt Dickinson, in his report, noted that the 200 foot left turn sight line "may prove inadequate". At the anticipated speed of traffic, 150 ft is needed for a right turn and 250 ft for a left turn.

Motion by Comm Kolwicz that Planning and Zoning be advised that the indicated sight line may be inadequate; seconded by Comm Rubino – unanimous.

7. Correspondence

a) Letter from Peter Sullivan

Complimentary letter for Off Cleary and Zavatsky concerning stolen property recovery

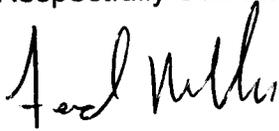
b) Letter from – Tony Battista
Thanking Off Perun for his performance in helping with a hit and run accident

c) Letter from – John Grunert
Complimentary letter for Off LaJoie's help with a missing phone

8. Chief's Report
Lt Dickinson's monthly training report was in the hands of the Commissioners.
Chief Finch noted 32 out of the 60 required hours of annual training is completed
at WestConn in a 1 week course mostly during January through March.
9. Commissioner Comments
None

At 6:50 motion by Comm Kolwicz to adjourn; seconded by Comm Rubino –
unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ferdinand Miller Jr
Secretary