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Christopher Giovino, Chairman
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POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Monday December 11, 2023

**NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND APPROVAL AT
A FUTURE MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION**

CTO

Meeting was called to order at 4pm. The Commissioners in attendance were joined by Chief Tom Conlan, D/Chief Rob Cipolla and Captain Gregg Phillipson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public in attendance and no comments.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting November 7, 2023

Commissioner Giovino moved to waive the reading and accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Reedy and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Chief Conlan and D/Chief Cipolla presented the Monthly Reports to include:

Activity Reports- Commissioners asked about DUIs, Domestic Incidents and Sexual Assault trends. The overall reports across the board were trending as consistent or downward in a good direction.

Detective Bureau Report- status quo.

MAC Report/SEU Report- Discussed the possibility of budgeting for a contracted traffic engineering expert for road/street analysis.

SRO Report- reported as busy with training and interaction, also caseloads remain high from reported incidents.

Overtime Report- Commissioners heard about some salary off-sets, and OT trends remain consistent with past and noting we remain short 4 police officers.

K-9 Report- nothing of significance, regular patrolling and interaction with the public, reported as quiet.

Training Report- reviewed by the Commissioners, training remains a constant and positive element. End of year training was at high level.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF

Significant kudos received from the Norwalk Police Chief regarding the extraordinary assist provided to them in investigating a hit and run homicide, noting the assist from two Wilton officers.

OLD BUSINESS

New Hire Update- to address the Department's patrol officer vacancies, there are currently "certified" officer candidates being processed for backgrounds prior to interviews. The "new hire" deadline has passed and receiving background packets. Currently have 15 potential candidates needing full backgrounds.

Town Wide Radio Project- possible targeted dates for completion are spring or summer of 2024. Commission was briefed on status of the radio towers and work that has commenced @ the Transfer Station with new generator.

Building Update- Commissioners were advised of ongoing concerns from all town employees over parking plans during construction and Chiefs were in midst of meeting to address the concerns and remedies.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule- Discussion of 2024 Commission Meeting calendar. Minor changes for October and November dates. Commissioner Giovino motioned to accept the schedule, seconded by Commissioner Reedy and passed.

Cannon Bridge Project- Chief Conlan discussed his intended letter to the state wherein we are strongly requesting an interim traffic light at Pimpewaug Rd and Rt. 7. Commissioner Giovino suggested same attention for that spot with a streetlight. Local Traffic Authority approved of a letter being sent to Connecticut DOT on the matter.

Public Act 23-146- Discussed the recent state recommendation towards community roundtables to discuss gun violence in our town. After discussion Commissioner Giovino made a motion that for the present the Town of Wilton does not assemble a roundtable and that we reconsider in the coming year. Commissioner Sinchak seconded and the motion passed.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

None noted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:35pm, Commissioner Sinchak moved to enter Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Reedy, and passed. The Commission was updated on Personnel and Legal Matters. There were no actionable matters and at 4:45pm the Commission returned to the Regular session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

RETURN TO CTO

At 5:00pm, Commissioner Sinchak motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reedy and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Giovino, Commissioner and Acting Secretary