

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
20 MAY 2015**

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Donald Sauvigne (arrived 7:36), Interim Chief Robert Crosby, Captain John Lynch and Tom Evans (Wilton Villager).

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 special meeting, the April 27 special meeting and the May 7, 2015 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weldon. Motion carried 2-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the number of MV Stops in April was significantly higher than in past months and expressed satisfaction with the level of activity.

The Activity Report for January was reviewed. There were no reporting concerns. The Commissioners noted that the number of motor vehicle accidents was slightly lower. There is no consistent location where accidents occur and therefore no specific area where greater enforcement might reduce this number further.

The MAC Report for January was reviewed. There were no reporting concerns. The Commissioners noted that, based on a civilian complaint, selective enforcement at the Old Highway resulted in thirty two violations. The Commissioners expressed appreciation with changes to the MAC Report that resulted in greater clarity. Commissioner Waters noted that the crime prevention meetings with local businesses was another form of community outreach and was well appreciated.

The SRO Report for April was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report.

REPORT OF INTERIM CHIEF CROSBY

Letters of thanks and jobs well done and other miscellaneous matters were reviewed. Interim Chief Crosby noted that no donations had been made to the Police Fund or to any other related funds. He also noted that the Department continues to receive a significant number of complimentary letters, which is well received and appreciated by the Department, particularly in light of the vocal concerns with law enforcement around the country.

Letters:

- Letter from Ridgefield Chief John Roche thanking Interim Chief Crosby for Wilton PD's professional representation by Officer Patenaude at K-9 Zeus' final ride
- Congratulatory note card sent to Officer Eva Zimnoch for her recent recognition from Gregory Semkow and David Garlock
- Letter of appreciation from Ian Tesar for assistance from Sergeant Hartman, Officer Shawn Frendt, Officer Robert Smaldone and Officer Eva Zimnoch
- Note from the Harrell Family to the Department expressing gratitude for the Department's hard work in keeping the town safe

Donations to the Wilton Police Fund:

- None

Donations (Other):

- None

Miscellaneous:

- Grades from POST for Officer Mark Canepari

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and Discussion of Overtime

Interim Chief Crosby provided the Commission with a summary of the overtime costs incurred by the Department during the current fiscal year and those of the prior two fiscal years. As of now, despite the challenges resulting from retirements the Department's overtime costs for the current fiscal year are consistent with those of prior years.

B. Discussion on Intersection at Wolfpit Road and Route 7

The Commission reviewed the analysis prepared by the Department of the alignment of the stop bar and light for vehicles traveling northbound on Route 7. Interim Chief Crosby noted that the State DOT is planning to upgrade the signal lighting at this intersection. Because both Route 7 and Wolfpit Road are state roads in this location the Department does not control the signalization of this intersection; however, the Commission requested the Chief to contact DOT and ask them to consider realignment of the location of the light at the time they perform this upgrade.

C. Discussion on Intersection at Grumman Hill Road and Route 7

The Commission reviewed the analysis prepared by the Department as to the need for a turning arrow for southbound vehicles turning onto Grumman Hill Road. Because Route 7 is a state road the Department does not control the signalization at this intersection; however, the Commission requested the Chief to contact DOT to ask them to review this information.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners requested that the status of Department accreditation be placed on next month's agenda, and that Lieutenant Brennan be requested to attend to update the Commission on the ongoing accreditation activities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session for prospective police officer candidate interviews. At 11:24 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

A. Consideration of Hiring of New Police Officer Recruits by the Department

Commissioner Waters made a motion to offer Douglas Parsons an offer of employment as a police officer of the Department at Salary Step 1, subject to the usual conditions, with a commencement date of employment determined at the discretion of the Chief upon the satisfactory completion of such conditions and the earliest available time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weldon. Motion carried 3-0.

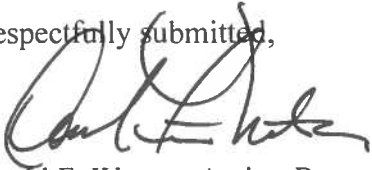
Commissioner Weldon made a motion to offer Melissa Mason and Bradley White offers of employment as police officers of the Department, subject to the usual conditions and background follow up research, with a commencement date of employment determined at the discretion of the Chief upon the satisfactory completion of such conditions and the

earliest available time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:25 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David F. Waters", written over the text "Respectfully submitted,".

David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary