

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
13 JULY 2020**

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

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Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m. In attendance electronically were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Matt Mason, Chief John Lynch, Captain Thomas Conlan and Captain Robert Cipolla.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Captain Conlan noted that a question had been addressed to the Commission with respect to the video cameras that CTDOT is installing. That item is on the Commission's agenda and will be discussed in this meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Commissioner Waters made a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Lynch to appoint Officer Edward Dolenk as a Detective of the Department, such appointment to be effective at a time of the Chief's discretion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed.

The Activity Report for June was reviewed. The Commissioners noted that activities reported are consistent with prior years, and noted that motor vehicle accidents were somewhat higher, likely because there was more traffic on the roadways and greater speed.

The Commissioners noted the number of MV Stops for June and commented favorably on the trend up in MV Stops toward more historic levels.

The Detective Bureau report for June did not present any issues.

The MAC Report for June was reviewed, and there were no issues.

The SRO Report for June was reviewed and the Commissioners noted no issues.

The Overtime Report for June was reviewed. The Commissioners noted that most of the overtime hours were due to shift coverage as a result of understaffing, but that the overtime costs remained within budget.

The K-9 Report for June was reviewed and the Commissioners noted no issues.

REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH

Chief Lynch reviewed with the Commission the letters of thanks and the donations that had been received.

Chief Lynch reported that Officer Whitman had received the Trooper First Class Allan J. Tuskowski "Excellence in Training Award" from POSTC, which is presented to the officer who attains the highest overall level of performance in five vital areas of the POSTC law enforcement training program. The Commissioners expressed their congratulations to Officer Whitman.

Chief Lynch noted that the annual awards ceremony had been postponed as a result of the COVID pandemic, and expressed a hope that this could be rescheduled in the near future.

Chief Lynch reported that ASML had donated 4,000 masks for use by the Police Department, the Fire Department and EMS. The Commissioners expressed their gratitude for the efforts of this corporate citizen.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Committee

Commissioner Waters reported that there has been no activity. Because there may be action in the Legislature to address police department operations, it may be necessary to reassess the requirements of the Department.

B. COVID Update

Chief Lynch reported that a core group of the EOC is meeting on Mondays and Fridays, with a general meeting of the EOC on Wednesdays. The Department is working with the Board of Education and the Town on access to athletic fields, organized sports and back to school activities. Visiting nurses will perform contact tracing, which is highly confidential.

C. Traffic Cameras Project 0173-0501

Captain Cipolla provided follow-up information that the Department had received from CTDOT with respect to the cameras they intend to install at the Route 33/Old Ridgefield Road intersection. The cameras only record volume counts and data, but not video; the information is only available to CTDOT and its consultants; the information is stored for one year and automatically overwritten; there is no outside access, including to law enforcement. The purpose of these cameras is to limit flashing light intersections.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Health Coverage

Chief Lynch reported that the Town is moving to a “State Plan” of health insurance coverage, and that negotiations with the police union are moving forward. The new plan will be effective as of July 1 and should generate significant savings to the Town.

B. Secret Service Partnership – Sgt. Steven Rangel

Chief Lynch reported that because Sergeant Rangel is trained in computer forensics he has been deputized to work with the Secret Service as part of a regional group. This will benefit the Town and the Department with additional resources and contacts.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mason reported that this will be his last meeting as a Commissioner because he will be relocating outside of Wilton, and expressed his thanks and pleasure to be able to serve in this role. Commissioners Sauvigne and Waters and the Department expressed regret that he will be leaving, and thanks for his efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:40 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary