



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

Monday, May 14, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Commissioner George Moreira, Chairman
Commissioner Fran Barton
Commissioner Paul Bowler
Commissioner Frank Cipriano
Commissioner Tom King

Also Present: Attorney Robert Smith
Chief Fran Dabbo
Office Ron Hunt
Greg Barnes

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance

At this time Officer Ron Hunt was sworn in as a full-time officer by the Chairman. Per Chief Dabbo, Officer Hunt will work on a seven day a week schedule from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Approval of April 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Barton MOTIONED to approve the minutes, SECONDED by Commissioner Cipriano. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports

Building and Equipment – Commissioner Cipriano

Commissioner Cipriano said that the sidewalks around the building need to be repaired. The Chief said that some of them are cracked and rotted. The locker room toilet was repaired.

Commissioner Cipriano said that all of the officers are keeping their cars clean.

Budget and Overtime – Commissioner Bowler

There was no report.

Personnel & Labor – Commissioner King

Commissioner King discussed a pending grievance with Attorney Smith that should be discussed in Executive Session.

Rules and Regulations

Commissioner Barton said that the Interview Room and Audio Recording System policy had had been updated. Commissioner Barton MOTIONED to accept the Interview Room and Audio Recording System policy, SECONDED by Commissioner Cipriano. Unanimous approval.

Old Business

Commissioner Cipriano asked when the stop sign would be put in on Spring Road. The Chief said that he feels that more than one stop sign should be put in place.

Commissioner Cipriano said that a stop sign should also be added on Breakneck Hill Road.

Commissioner Cipriano said the no parking signs have been removed from Richardson Drive.

Greg Barnes asked that the Commission request that the stop sign be put in by Public Works as soon as possible even though they are currently working on the bridge at Tranquility Road. He added that there have been three accidents on Spring Road since he came to the Police Commission meeting in March 2018. He feels that people are becoming more aggressive.

Commissioner Barton MOTIONED that a stop sign and a stop ahead sign be added to Spring Road and Tranquility Road, SECONDED by Commissioner Cipriano.

The Commission invites Dan Norton, Director of Public Works to the next meeting to discuss additional line painting on the road and the road stop on the road.

Greg Barnes also asked if the Commission had the objective to add a portable speed bump to the road.

Commissioner Bowler said that this issue was raised before by a resident on South Street and a precedent has already been set. The Public Works Director and the First Selectman will be invited to attend the meeting next month or send in their opinion to the Commission on this idea when the Commission will have a full discussion on the matter.

Attorney Smith suggested that the Chief speak with the State Traffic Commission on speed bumps. Attorney Smith stated that the Police Commission is the traffic authority and that the Commission should check on what the State requirements are in this matter.

Commissioner Bowler suggested that the Commission review a speed hump policy similar to the policy used by the Wilton Police Commission.

Commissioner King asked if the speed limit could be lowered on Spring Road. Commissioner Bowler suggested making the road one way.

Chairman's Report

None.

Chief's Report

The Chief reported that budget transfers have been made; and the department is over on overtime but they are okay for now. All the recalls on the new explorers have taken place. Some of the cruisers need oil changes.

There are now three officers on days and has allowed a regular officer to be assigned as a roving officer to the schools. Office Hunt is on a normal seven day rotation from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Executive Session

The Chairman MOTIONED to go into Executive Session to discuss a pending legal claim, SECONED by Selectman Cipriano. Unanimous approval. Attorney Smith and Chief Dabbo were invited to sit in on the discussion.

The Commission came out of Executive Session. No votes were taken.

Adjournment

The Chairman MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowler. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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Recording Clerk