



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION Monday, May 13, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. Town Hall Conference Room

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

Also Present: Edward B. St. John, First Selectman
Attorney Robert Smith
Chief Fran Dabbo
Barbara Whitaker, Recording Clerk
Bill Hahn, Ironman
Audra Tassone, Ironman
Jeff Gomulinski

Absent: Commissioner Fran Barton

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of April 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to approve the minutes, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports

Building & Equipment – Commissioner Cipriano

Commissioner Cipriano said that the concrete has been poured in the front side walk. There are two new vehicles in service. The officers have been doing a good job on keeping the cars clean.

Budget and Overtime

Commissioner Bowler deferred to the Chief's monthly report. There have been some overages.

Personnel & Labor

Commissioner King deferred to the Chief's report.

Rules & Regulations

Commissioner Barton was not in attendance.

Old Business

None,

New Business

None.

Chairman's Report

None.

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Chief's Report

The Chief applied for a grant from Ion Bank for \$7,658.00 and the Department was awarded \$3,000. They will be able to purchase a new radio with these monies.

The Department is utilizing \$5,000 a month in overtime; they may be on budget. There are reported overages in power and control charges (\$2,225.38), office supplies (\$487.71) and traffic signs (\$45.00).

At this time, the First Selectman explained that the Rev 3 group is now represented by the Ironman. The Town has always been able to address any issues and he hopes that the relationship can continue to be smooth. There have been challenges with the conditions of the roads, but those have been resolved. Bill Hahn and Audra Tassone of Ironman discussed the necessity of a police presence in the area of Christian Road and the liability issues. They are also concerned about the safety of their athletes. The attended tonight's meeting to show their concern and support for the Police Department.

Jeff Gomulinski is a Middlebury resident and has lived on Christian Road for 9 years. Mr. Gomulinski is concerned with motorists speeding on the road. He explained that when putting his son on and off the school bus he sees excessive speeding on Christian Road. There are many athletes, children and bike riders and employees from Timex walking and running up and down the road. His son fell off his bike and was lying in the road and a car drove by at excessive speed. He would like to have speed bumps installed because they have them in Newtown and he knows it can be done. He has no idea what will be done to retrieve the speed bumps in the winter, but he knows they can be put down. Mr. Gomulinski is also concerned about the coach buses that cut through Christian Road going to Quassy Amusement park.

George Frantzis said that park officials will recommend the buses go down through 188 and will attempt to give the bus drivers a directional sheet.

Executive Session

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval. Attorney Smith, First Selectman St. John and Chief Dabbo were invited to sit in.

Adjournment

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

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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