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Mayor Joseph A. Carfora

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 30, 2024 AT 7:00 PM
471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Dominic Balletto (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Dianne Romans

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Clerk Marsha Maldonado, Wendy Bellmore

Chairman Balletto called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call - Clerk Maldonado - quorum obtained.
4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Meeting minutes of March 26, 2024
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the Monthly Meeting minutes of March 26, 2024, as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (April 2024)
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to table any action and/or recommendations by the Traffic & Public Safety Committee until item 9 - Correspondence; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Comment

- a. Wendy Bellmore (57 Catherine Street) - As a member of the American Legion, Post 89 located at 574 Thompson Avenue (directly opposite Edwards Street), Ms. Bellmore requests a review of the street parking at the convergence of Thompson/Edwards and better line marking for the designated handicap accessible area near the entrance.

Chairman Balletto deferred to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review. So moved.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent (Clerk Maldonado)

All correspondence received is distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting for review.

- a. Noreen Clough, President, East Haven Fall Festival, dated/received via hand-delivery April 1, 2024 - New Business, 12.b.
- b. Felicia Larson (Charter Oak Avenue), via email dated April 9, 2024 - Request for speed humps at the one-way section of Charter Oak Avenue. Chairman Balletto deferred to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review. So moved.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro mentioned that he recently traveled Charter Oak Avenue and noticed only one sign heading towards Main Street indicating 25 MPH but none in the opposite direction from Main to Dodge towards the airport. Although 25 MPH is the default speed limit [per road rules], we will post more signs. Chief Lennon added that at the suggestion of DC Tracy, the roadway was recently painted with ONE WAY arrows on both Charter Oak and Bradford Avenue for more of a visual cue in addition to posted signage.

- c. Linda Scoopo (85 Hemingway Avenue), via email dated April 16, 2024 - Request for a review of the intersection of Hemingway and Dodge Avenues at the entrance of 85A Hemingway Avenue Apartment complex (55-plus community), which is prone to accidents. In response to several similar requests in the last few months, a letter to the CT DOT is in progress for a review of this intersection.
- d. Eric Ciolino, One World Coffee & Tea (967 North High Street), via email dated April 19, 2024 - Request for traffic calming and/or a review of the speed limit and passing zone on Route 100. Customer concerns about dangerous speeding may be impacting his business due to fewer people patronizing this establishment.

Chief Lennon mentioned the CT DOT planned installation of center line rumble strips (CLRS) along the length of Route 100 in the fall could offer some resolution. Otherwise, the CT DOT would need to conduct a traffic study to determine if the speed limit and the passing zone should be adjusted.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

- a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees
 - i. One (1) officer vacancy. Another round of testing yielded approximately a dozen potential candidates who will proceed to the Background phase.
 - ii. Two (2) officers on light duty.

- b. Overtime - Busy time of year and firearms training are contributing to the steady level of overtime as well as several other factors such as officers on light duty, hospital prisoner watches, risk protection orders and a couple of big investigations in the last few months.
- c. Awards & Commendations
- d. Noteworthy News
 - i. East Haven Rotary Club Annual Installation Dinner will be June 27, 2024 at The Woodwinds in Branford. Our nominee for the **Joseph Buonome Memorial Public Safety Award** will be announced soon. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please see Marsha Maldonado for tickets.
 - ii. Police K9 Ace will be retiring and the new K9 is currently in the Academy. A combined retirement/swearing in ceremony will be determined as the transition is closer to completion.
 - iii. Our budget request for fiscal year 2024/2025 was passed in whole by the Town Council as supported by the Mayor and the Board of Finance.
 - iv. The East Haven Police Athletic League (EHPAL) will host the second annual "Touch A Truck" community event on May 11, 2024 at the East Haven High School from 10AM-2PM.

11. Old Business

Chairman Balletto reappointed Co-Chairpersons DiSilvestro and Barbuio to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee, and Chairperson Romans to the Alarms Committee.

12. New Business

- a. Discussion and review of revised policy 414.10 (Motorized Pursuits)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 414.10 (Motorized Pursuits) with an effective date of May 1, 2024; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Discussion and approval of 2024 Fall Festival Road Closure Request (9.a. Clough)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the request for the closure of Hemingway Avenue between Main Street and Edward Street on Friday, September 6, Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8, 2024, and to make the application to the State to approve the closures on these dates and for the times deemed necessary by the Chief and the Fall Festival Planning Committee; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Request a Police Officer - Grade C (Recruit) certified list from the Civil Service Commission

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to request a Police Officer - Grade C (Recruit) certified list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

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- d. Request by employee pursuant to Article XIX, Section 4.A. of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of East Haven and East Haven Police Union (UPSEU/COPS Local 0275) (Executive Session) - **WITHDRAWN**

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Marsha M. Maldonado
Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners