

TOWN OF EAST LYME
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2019
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Price, Mark Nickerson, Mark Powers, Joseph Perkins and Lisa Pellegrini
EXCUSED: Giancarlo D'Angelo and Tony Buglione
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Police Chief Mike Finkelstein and Administrative Sergeant Mike Macek

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to add agenda item #12a to authorize the Chief to make an offer of employment for the position of Police Officer.

Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Acknowledgement of K9 Officers

Chief Finkelstein did the honor of publicly acknowledging our two K9 Officers, Knox and Jimo, as well as their Handlers, Officers Lindsay Cutillo and Michael Jeziarski. Chief Finkelstein stated that these K9 Officers attended training together in 2012 and have supported the East Lyme Police Department and the residents of East Lyme since that time. The Chief reported that they are working on creating an area of acknowledgement in the Police Department to honor these and all future K9 Officers and their Handlers. Mr. Nickerson thanked the Officers for their hard work, as well as a sincere thank you to their families; and he communicated that he speaks for the Commission in stating that the K9 program will continue in the Town of East Lyme. Chairman Price expressed condolences to the Handler and his family for Jimo's recent passing and acknowledged that these K9 Officers are not only the Handlers partners, but a part of their families.

4. Delegations

There were none.

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. Perkins to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 14, 2019, as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Price. Motion passed 2-0-3. In Favor; Price and Perkins. Abstained; Powers, Nickerson and Pellegrini.

6a. Blocked View on Oak Grove

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein reported that he and Mr. Bragaw had not yet had an opportunity to sit down to discuss this matter further, and that he will report back at a future meeting.

6b. Fees for Fingerprinting

DISCUSSION: The Commission members agreed that fingerprinting should remain a free service to East Lyme residents, but that the hours should be cut back. Currently fingerprinting is done Monday thru Friday at 8am and 4pm. Chief Finkelstein stated that they will work on updating the hours that fingerprinting will be available, and that he will update the Commission at a future meeting.

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B. Finkelstein ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

6c. 2020/2021 Budget

MOTION (3)

DISCUSSION: The proposed 2020/2021 budget and list of CIP items is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Chief Finkelstein reported that this budget is up only 5% from last year, and that includes contractual salary increases as well as adding two additional officers. He stated that the line item for the part time officer has increased to comply with the contractual agreement; he was previously out on leave but has since returned to his contracted schedule of sixteen four-hour shifts per month. Overtime for this year is on target and the increase for next year is due to contractual salary increases. He explained that the towing line item needs to be increased due to escalating costs; this year's budgeted amount was expended by the end of September. He noted that they have begun billing insurance companies for reimbursement of towing for certain vehicular circumstances. The fees for the digital camera are required and were not budgeted for this current year. He reported that the Military 1033 program could yield items such as vehicles, weapons, and even generators, and that the Town should continue to participate in this program. Ms. Pellegrini inquired as to where the Chief envisions the two new officers to be placed, and the Chief stated that one of the officers will be assigned traffic duty while the other will be patrol. He noted that regarding the facility fee, the contract with Waterford is up for renewal so that figure may change depending on the outcome of the negotiations. Regarding the CIP items, it was explained that all items that are needed for the foreseeable future are on the list, but that does not prevent the police department and/or the Commission from funding these items in a different matter. If the item is funded in a different manner, it will simply come off of this list.

Motion by Mr. Perkins to approve the 2020/2021 budget, as presented by Chief Finkelstein.

Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 4-0-1. In Favor; Powers, Price, Perkins and Pellegrini. Abstained; Nickerson.

8. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein briefly reviewed his report for November, which is attached hereto as exhibit 2.

9. Chairman's Report

Chairman Price reported that the Public Safety Building Vision Committee is just about wrapped up and ready to pass the project on to the Town Building Committee. They have gotten the final number down to \$1.77 million, not including the sally port and holding cells. He anticipates that they will go back before the Board of Finance for the \$1 million that is being held for these additional items.

10. Public Comment

There was none.

11. Commission Response

There was none.

12. Executive Session

MOTION (4)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and to include Chief Finkelstein and Administrative Sergeant Macek. The Commission entered executive session at 7:00 p.m. They returned at 8:30 p.m. and Chairman Price stated that no formal votes were taken.

12a. Offer of Employment

MOTION (5)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to instruct the Chief to hire Candidate A. Then to label the other candidates as Candidate B, Candidate E and Candidate C, who are in line for the next available position.

Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 5-0.

13. Adjournment

MOTION (6)

Mr. Nickerson MOVED to adjourn the December 12, 2019, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 9:00 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

EXHIBIT 1

East Lyme Police Department
2020/2021 Budget

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Officers – Increase by \$129,043 (\$64,521 per Officer)

Based upon work load and to ensure proper staffing, need exists to add two (2) new Officers to the East Lyme Police Dept.

Part Time Officer – Increase from \$4,461 to \$12,761- Contractual

5.17 states PT Officers will be assigned 16 four hour shifts per month.

Overtime – Increase from \$315,095 to \$322,972 – Operational

Increase corresponding to 2.5% wage increase

Facility rental – Estimated increase \$44,256 to \$46,557 – Contractual

Increase of 5% is estimated, contract will have to be renewed

Boat Storage/Maint – Increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500 – Operational

Increase based upon realized escalation of costs.

Law Enforcement Council – Increase from \$9,134 to \$9,408 – Vendor

Yearly fee increase by LEC- Necessary for training, mutual aid, testing

Uniforms – Increase from \$30,700 to \$36,700 – Operational

Increase due to need to outfit new Officers in agency

Towing – Increase from \$500 to \$1,000 – Operational

Increase due to realized escalation of costs

Hunter Camera Maint – NEW LINE- \$399

Required for maintenance of booking camera

1033 Program Fee – NEW LINE - \$250

Yearly fee to participate in Military 1033 program

Dispatch

Overtime – Increase from \$38,818 to \$50,000 – Operational

Increase based upon realized cost of staffing dispatch center

IMC – Increase from \$12,789 to \$14,043 – Contractual

Increase is based upon contractual maintenance cost

EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report –November 2019

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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

- Marked vehicle order in process
- RT 1 @ Lovers Lane and Niantic River Bridge completed
- Costco opening uneventful

Section 2: Staffing

Officer Bergantino hired and working
Interviews underway to establish eligibility list

Section 3: Administrative

Accident Analysis

- 17 Accidents
- 7 Flanders Rd
- 4 Boston Post

East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,616 phone call volume for the month, which does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours –2pm (124), 12pm (119), 3pm (111)

Animal Control Division Activity

- 14 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

Budgetary

Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$18,559
Police Department budget – 42%
Dispatch budget – 45%
Animal Control budget – 37%

Use of force

- No use of force

Emergency Committals

- 5 Emergency Committals
- 3 overdoses
- 0 Narcan use

East Lyme Police Department Monthly Report

Special Response Areas

- 2 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park (76 YTD)
- 30 Calls for service at hotels (310 YTD)

Fingerprinting

- 20 Residents (292 YTD)

Section 4: Statistical Activity Summary

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE- ELPD Dispatch

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	1284	1171	1224	1222	1450	1623	1751	1785	1525	1472	1225		15,732

Note: Includes miscellaneous calls that may not be listed under the call analysis section

CALLS FOR SERVICE—DETAILED

Calls for Service - Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
911 Abandon/Hang Up	39	37	45	42	42	71	128	105	66	63	43		681
Alarms	61	67	44	56	67	60	61	72	56	73	64		681
Animal Incident	20	14	21	15	14	26	27	22	20	21	14		214
Assist Citizen	54	51	56	42	37	51	74	64	48	54	37		568
Assist Other Agency	20	17	27	24	27	23	32	22	18	22	17		239
Complaint	18	25	20	32	13	12	18	17	11	13	15		194
Disabled MV	9	13	10	12	10	15	25	14	10	12	13		143
Disturbance	17	6	9	6	12	18	13	7	15	12	14		129
Domestic Dispute	10	4	5	5	4	3	3	1	3	2	5		45
Erratic Operation	7	7	9	11	13	17	14	16	9	8	14		125
ETOH Person	1	4	2	3	5	2	7	4	7	1	3		39
Fireworks Comp	0	0	0	0	1	2	8	7	0	2	0		20
Fraud/Ident Theft	5	5	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	0	1		25
Larceny	17	12	7	12	8	10	15	14	16	17	12		140
Lockouts	9	5	7	13	12	13	16	6	10	17	12		120
MV Accidents	11	16	16	16	17	24	39	30	20	15	17		221
MV Stops	142	143	147	133	241	326	151	239	108	52	66		1748
Parking Complaints	3	6	10	6	7	12	16	15	11	9	4		90
Patrol/Bank /Building Checks	110	87	64	79	101	126	249	276	221	222	182		1707
Pistol Permit Apps	13	2	15	14	8	5	3	2	1	6	8		77

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Psych/Suicidal calls	3	2	1	1	4	1	5	4	2	6	4		33
Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident	37	30	26	30	30	26	19	24	32	36	25		315
Threatening	0	4	2	2	4	2	1	1	3	4	3		26
Trespassing	0	0	1	2	3	2	6	3	0	3	1		21
Untimely Death	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2		19
Well Being Check	17	15	16	23	21	16	13	12	23	19	19		194
Vandalism	3	1	2	1	1	4	3	3	6	1	2		27

****Selected areas of CFS only****

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

MV Accidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	11	16	16	16	17	24	39	30	20	15	17		221

MV Stops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	142	143	147	133	241	326	151	239	108	52	66		1748

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
All other offenses	6	6	3	3	3	4	8	3	7	7	3		53
Assault	3	3	2	2	3	4	3		2				22
Robbery				1									1
Narcotics	4	4	3	1		1	1	2			3		19
Larceny		1	3	2			3	3	4	3	1		20
Weapon		1											1
Prostitution													
DUI	1		4	2	8	6	7	6	4	1	3		42
Burglary	1				1	2							4
Vandalism			1			1							2
Totals 2019	15	15	16	12	15	18	22	14	17	11	10		139
Totals 2018	15	22	18	18	28	19	12	26	14	14	12	23	221