

Town of Hamden Police Commission
Minutes of the meeting
October 14, 2009

Attending: Raeann Curtis Reginald Higgins, Elliott Kerzner, Gerald Migliaro Meg
Nowacki, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Asst.
Town Attorney Kamp

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Kerzner called the meeting to order at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curtis motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2009, seconded by Ms. Nowacki. ***The vote was 4 in favor and one abstain.***

DEPARTMENT REPORT

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra briefly reviewed the events of September noting a few incidents in the report. Ms. Nowacki inquired about the State Police Truck Squad, truck inspection actions, are the fines issued do they go to the State or does Hamden receive any portion of the fines? Chief Wydra advised the Commission that municipalities only receive a portion of fine for certain amount of violations, it depends on the violation. Chief Wydra is not sure what violations account for the portion provided to the town but he knows that there are only a few.
- b. Items of concern – nothing at this time.
- c. Correspondence – Chairman Kerzner reviewed the correspondence in the packet.

PUBLIC/MEDIA COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) – (AS NEEDED) – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Equipment – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that the department has been awarded a number of grants over the past few months and one of the grants applied for was for the purchase of new handguns for the department and a request has been sent to the purchasing department to put out for bid the handguns. He isn't sure where in the process this is but he does anticipate the bid going out very soon. The questions was raised as to how much the handguns cost and Deputy Chief Cappiello responded with a question, “for the department or a normal person” and the cost to the department is \$115.00 per gun with the trade in, but a brand new handgun like they are getting is probably \$400.00 - \$500.00. Chairman Kerzner inquired if they were changing models and Chief Wydra advised the Commission that the officers were given a choice, the same model but either a full size or a medium, same caliber. The Chief was pleased that the officers were

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glad to be given a choice because as you know not everyone has the same size hand and the medium size handgun will work for a number of officers. The Chief has also sent a request for competitive bidding for two motorcycles. The department applied for a grant under the State of CT Recovery Act and was awarded the \$75,000. The current motorcycle unit has only 2 units a 2002 and a 2003 Harley. The vehicles are in pristine condition but they experience mechanical problems and the town garage doesn't have the proper equipment to maintain the vehicles. The new vehicles will be Harley Davidson Electra Glide. In the future the town garage will maintain the vehicles as best they can, the department will pay close attention and if there is something they can not do the vehicles will go out for proper servicing. This coming Monday, October 19, 2009 the Legislative Council is going to consider 3 bid waivers, one for a canine, one for 8 new vehicles, and one to extend the contract with AMR – QAP dealing with the dispatching of 911 emergency medical calls. This is a state requirement that the department has been using for the past few years and are very please with the service.

- b. Budget Review – The budget for this meeting was not ready and will be in the packet for the Thursday, November 12, 2009 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Meeting dates schedule for 2010 – Ms. Nowacki motioned to accept the meeting schedule with the correction and verification by Chairman Kerzner of Thursday, September 9, 2010 to Tuesday, September 7, 2010, seconded by Mr. Higgins. *The motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEAD

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:53 p.m. Ms. Nowacki motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Thursday, November 12, 2009, in the Activity Room, Miller Library Complex 7:30 p.m.

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka
Commission Clerk