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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011
6:15 P.M.

Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by First Selectman Mone, with Selectman Barrett, Sr. also in attendance. Selectman Scheppard was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was available to take the minutes of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries.

Monthly Reports:

Chief Torrence and Detective Campbell were in attendance at tonight's meeting. The 80 hours under **DWI/Sick/Time Off** is below where we were last year at this time. The six hours under **Regular/Investigation** was for time spent on the recent suicide/shooting on Kennedy Drive. The eight hours under **Training** was for one of our officers to complete his mandatory three-year recertification training. We still have two full-time officers and one part-time officer who will be due for recertification training soon. More **accidents** this month most likely weather related. We had 28 **alarm calls** – billing will be going out in March. Radar hours were at 9.25. It was asked if we run **radar** on State roads, specifically Rt. 254 and Rt. 109. Chief Torrence said the State does not run radar on more local roads, only highway. There were 25 **criminal cases** and 12 **criminal arrests** for the month. First Selectman Mone asked what types of cases/arrests these were – Detective Campbell said mostly what's classified as the normal "everyday" type of crime.

Old Business:

Selectman Barrett, Sr. brought up the topic of downtown parking meters, asking for a status update. First Selectman Mone stated that they decided to wait until Spring when the better weather was upon us. At that point, Chief Torrence and town crew will have a chance to canvass the downtown area to see what condition the parking meters are in.

New Business:

First Selectman Mone advised that resident Jim Tilson stopped in this week to discuss motorcycle traffic on Rt. 109. He indicated that once the better weather hits, the motorcycle traffic will increase and there will be issues of speeding again. Chief Torrence said his guys already run radar in that area (State does not) due to the dam checks they do during the year.

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Selectman Barrett, Sr. expressed his concern with people talking on cell phones while driving and wants to know if anything further can be done to enforce the law. Chief Torrence said that his department makes every effort to enforce this law already.

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Two letters of appreciation were presented; one for Officer Jared Sauvron and the other for Officer O'Neill from Terryville High School for his help in supervising during a recent basketball game. As a side note, Terryville will remit payment for Officer O'Neill's services.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to put all letters of appreciation from citizens in the officer's respective personnel files. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries

Public Comment:

In attendance was Christine Yoos and Ray Taylor.

Ray Taylor expressed his concern with the Police Department being understaffed and wanted to know if the Town was looking to replace a full-time officer this year. First Selectman Mone said it is not in the budget this year.

Christine Yoos asked if there was any updates in relation to the arrest warrant. Chief Torrence said there is nothing further and Detective Campbell said he can't divulge much because it is still an active investigation.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries.