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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011
6:15 P.M.

Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by First Selectman Mone. Chief Torrence, Selectman Barrett, Sr. and Selectman Scheppard were in attendance. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was available to take the minutes of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Selectman Barrett, Sr. indicated that there was one correction that needed to be made. Under Monthly Reports where it states, "Chief Torrence said the State does not run radar on **more** local roads...", it should say "Chief Torrence said that the State does not run radar on local roads..." – take out "**more**".

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

Monthly Reports:

Chief Torrence indicated that the **DWI/Sick/Time Off** (OT) hours were up a bit this month. A few of the guys were out sick with the flu and two officers had a death in the family. We are still well under last year's OT hours at this time of year. **Accidents** are down. **Alarms** are a bit above average. Alarm bills have still not been processed and sent out due to other more pressing issues. Under **Radar** hours, Chief Torrence did meet with Mr. Tilson about speeding on Rt. 109. The police will try something a little different this year – they will run radar 20 minutes prior to and 20 minutes after their dam checks.

Old Business:

Chief Torrence indicated that he and Det. Campbell met with the State's Attorney's office and they are revising the arrest warrant re: incident with Paul Yoos.

New Business:

The DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) will be holding their second nationwide prescription drug take-back day in April. The purpose of this event is to give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. So, on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the DEA and its partners will hold this event at sites nationwide. Our department will be participating on this day and at the same time. Residents can drop off these items to us in the sally-port, where we will store them and hold until the DEA comes to pick them up and incinerate them. We will be sending out press releases announcing this event.

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We will also have a public safety answering points survey.

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Dam checks for the Army Corps of Engineers will begin on April 16th, which is also opening day of fishing season.

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There was a brief discussion as to Nystrom's Pond park enforcement issues as to the nightly closure of the park. First Selectman Mone indicated that the time of closure should be specified and should be clearly marked on all signage, therefore, making enforcement easier. Chief Torrence will discuss with Marty to check on Recreation Commission recommended time for closure.

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A letter of appreciation was received and presented thanking Officer Cahill and Dispatcher Potter in reference to a 911 call for medical assistance.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to place the letter of appreciation in the officers personnel files. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Another letter of appreciation was received and presented thanking Chief Torrence and Officer Cahill in reference to a lockout situation (car keys).

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to place the letter of appreciation in the officers personnel files. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Public Comment:

In attendance was Christine Yoos and Ray Taylor.

Ray Taylor asked how many hours on one shift are dedicated to officers running radar? Chief Torrence said approximately one hour. Ray also wanted to know if the crime level was increased during summer months. Chief Torrence responded “yes”.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.