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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by First Selectman Mone. Present were Selectman Scheppard, Selectman Barrett, Sr., and Chief Torrence. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was in attendance to take the minutes.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2010 regular meeting of the Police Commission as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Monthly Reports:

Overtime hours were larger this month. The 248 total overtime hours were broken up as follows:

- 144 hours was for one officer who was out due to a knee injury. He was out approximately 3 weeks and is now back.
- 97 hours was for two officers out on vacation.

The radar trailer will be back out again for the season starting this upcoming month.

Motor vehicle accidents are down for this time of year.

Alarm bills were sent out. There was about a 90% return rate.

Otherwise, everything else was quite normal.

Old Business:

Chief Torrence did some research in reference to what other towns are charging for extra duty road work when outside companies (i.e. Yankeegas) are working in town. Most of the surrounding towns are charging close to what we currently charge (\$55.00). Sue Smith, Finance Director, said our current net profit is \$7.23/hour for each police officer. Therefore, Chief Torrence recommends increasing the fee by \$5.00, bringing the total charge to \$60.00.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the total hourly fee for extra duty officers be increased by \$5.00/hour to go to offset expenses incurred by the Police Department relative to purchasing new cruisers. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business:

Chief Torrence presented to the Police Commission a letter he addressed to First Selectman Mone expressing his recommendation for replacing Captain Nelson's position due to his retirement in May. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to put letters of appreciation from citizens in the respective officer's personnel files and post in the department as well. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Currently, there is a town ordinance concerning police traffic duty that basically states when activities are undertaken resulting in complete or partial blockage of a public road, police personnel are required to be hired by the person, firm, corporation or company doing the specified work in this area in order to insure public safety in the this area. The Police Department received a letter from CL&P in reference to a recent call to Thomaston that was of an emergency nature and they were told they needed a police officer. The question was asked if there can be an exemption made for emergency work to be performed that only takes a few minutes to ½ to rectify. Chief Torrence will have Sgt. Rogozinski, union representative, look into re: union issues.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.