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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011
6:15 P.M.

Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by First Selectman Mone. Chief Torrence and Selectman Barrett, Sr. were in attendance. Selectman Scheppard was out of town and unable to attend. 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 April 5, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

Monthly Reports:

Chief Torrence indicated that the **DWI/Sick/Time Off (OT)** hours were due two officers on vacation, two officers with deaths in the family and a few officers out ill. The 24 hours under **Training** were due to Officer Sue Graham attending her certification class. As a matter of fact, the year-to-date overtime hours to date (554 hrs.) are lower than this time last year (662 hrs.). Radar hours included expanded radar checks in the area of Rt. 109 just prior to and after routine dam checks. Chief Torrence will follow up with Det. Campbell to see if this has curbed speeding in this area. Radar trailer is out of garage and charging up. We will have out on the road soon. Alarm bills will go out end of month.

Old Business/Parking Meter Update:

Chief Torrence and Paul Pronovost have already met a few times to discuss. Chief Torrence is waiting for a callback from the State. He wants to know if we need a permit to erect signage and what the procedure is for removal of meters.

Old Business/Nystrom's Park Closing Time Update:

Chief Torrence spoke with Marty Egan, Recreation Director. Marty indicated that 8:15 p.m. closing would be a good time to close the park. First Selectman Mone suggested making it 8:30 p.m. The regulations will need to be revised to show new closing time. First Selectman Mone will forward BOS recommendation onto the Recreation Commission for their approval at their next meeting.

Old Business:

Chief Torrence wanted to give an update on an incident that happened with Mr. Yoos. Chief Torrence met with the State's Attorney and resubmitted the arrest warrant. It came back with lesser charges (prosecutors were asking for additional charges). On April 14, an arrest was made and the charge was breach of peace.

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Six bags of pharmaceuticals were collected by the DEA through the recent nationwide prescription drug take-back day last month.

New Business:

Chief Torrence received an email from Revolution III in reference to the national triathlon that comes through town every year. This year the date is June 5th. We usually get the bicycle portion only. Our police involvement stays the same – it is a private duty job.

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Chief Torrence attended the Police Chiefs Expo at the Aqua Turf recently. There were many vendors, one of which was exhibiting the radar trailers in a box that can be mounted on poles. Chief Torrence is interested in purchasing one of these with money available through the asset forfeiture account.

Public Comment:

In attendance was Christine Yoos and Tony Durso.

Christine Yoos wanted to know what the age requirement was for officers to retire. Chief Torrence said 25 years of service or 10 years of service at 55 years of age or older. Maximum years of service is 30 years.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.