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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2010 regular meeting of the Police Commission as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

Monthly Reports:

The overtime hours for April were down considerably from last month. Most of the overtime hours were for two officers out due to the death of a parent each and two officers who were away for recertification training which needed to be completed by June 30th. The latter is mandatory every three years by the State of Connecticut.

This was a low month for accidents.

There were 80 criminal cases, most of which were due to the first Monday night of school vacation when numerous mailboxes were vandalized. In addition, some of the time was dedicated to an extradition from Vermont in an arson case and the ongoing investigation into a recent death case.

First Selectman Mone stated that Sue Smith, the Finance Director, will be taking over the billing for all alarm calls. Bills need to be processed and sent out for alarm calls from January, 2010.

Selectman Scheppard asked Chief Torrence about dam checks. We will collect over \$14,000 this year, which we bill annually.

Old Business:

Chief Torrence, from last month's meeting, wanted to clarify the process of alarm calls. An individual and/or business can have up to three alarm calls at no charge. After the third call, they will be assessed a \$25.00 per call fee.

New Business:

Captain Kris Nelson officially retired from the Thomaston Police Department effective May 1, 2010. A retirement party is scheduled for him on June 12, 2010 at the Torrington Elks Club.

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.

Chief Torrence briefly explained a Memorandum of Understanding for Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. This memorandum will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for approval, authorizing the First Selectman to sign on behalf of the town. This program is funded by a \$3,000 grant from the State of Connecticut.

Public Comment:

In attendance were Mr. & Mrs. Yoos and Wayne Kamens.

Mrs. Yoos asked Chief Torrence if Lt. Nelson's position will be filled with a new hire. Chief Torrence said that Sgt. Roberts will be the supervisor on that shift instead. No new hire at this time.

Wayne Kamens wanted to go on record with an update on the issues on Marine Street, which have been dealt with by virtually every department. He said the activities are happening with streetlights on, but worries they might escalate if the streetlights in that area are turned off. First Selectman Mone said concerned residents can pay for streetlights themselves if they so choose. First Selectman Mone will forward CL&P's contact name and phone to Gene.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.