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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011
6:15 P.M.

Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 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:

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Monthly Reports:

Chief Torrence indicated it was a busy month. He still has an officer still out on comp and an active part-time officer who, while off-duty, ruptured a bicep requiring surgery. The high overtime numbers most likely due to vacations in the month.

The 22 hours under Special Events were for the firemen's carnival.

The radar trailer is still in Plymouth's possession. The 22 hours listed were recorded with a police officer running radar from his cruiser.

There were a total of 18 accidents for the month, including an accident that involved a motorcycle that turned into a fatality.

There were a total of 50 criminal cases, including vandalism, 1 burglary, arson issues involving the dams, 3 drug arrests and numerous family violence issues.

Old Business:

Selectman Scheppard inquired as to the status of the Durangos. Chief Torrence said they are just waiting on the mechanic to be hired at the Town Garage.

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As to the status of the parking meter situation in town, Chief Torrence said the letters went out to all downtown business owners and, to date, there have been no responses. He sent the required informational packet to the DOT and received an email from them stating they did receive. Approval for signage from the DOT should be coming soon, hopefully, in a week or so.

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As of today's date (see report attached), the total in alarm fines was \$1,950 with total received to date of \$1,800, leaving a balance of \$150.

New Business:

The Police Department received a copy of a letter from Mary Reynolds thanking them for their assistance over the past 46 years with the 4th of July Children's Parade (copy of letter attached).

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As a note to the file – First Selectman Mone will be sending a letter of appreciation to Jamie Wilson for some electrical work he did at the Town's dog pound at no cost.

Public Comment:

Christine Yoos explained a situation that happened with her recently in front of her business. She explained that in the process of trying to drop off cars at MGB Tire, the driver of a car carrier blocked access to her driveway, making her park out on the road. She explained to the driver that he was parked on private property and was blocking access to the people who lived or owned a business behind there. She said the driver was very understanding, but that the owner of one of the vehicles on the carrier waiting for his car was not. He was, along with some people waiting with him, verbally abusive to Mrs. Yoos, at which time the police were called. When the officer arrived, she stated he ended up scolding her instead of the owner of the car.

Adjournment:

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