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## **THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016**

### **Roll Call:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioner Mone, Commissioner Perreault, Commissioner Barrett, Sr. and Chief Campbell were present. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was available to take the minutes.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** the pledge was recited by all.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Perreault to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

### **New Business/Vandalism Issues at Hillside Cemetery-Cemetery Committee:**

Julianne Ingham, Tom Scully and Jamie Wilson were in attendance to present.

The members of the committee along with the owners of homes in the area of the cemetery have concerns with vandals and people riding ATV's on the grounds. Chief Campbell said the police have been up there numerous times over the past few years. Committee feels they need to be "caught in the act" and cited or arrested for trespassing. Security cameras strategically placed was an option. Also, the committee, with the permission of the neighbors, will have a gate installed at the bottom of Hillside and at Dug Road entrance. The committee will also reach out to the Fish & Game Club, too, as they feel some of the ATV activity is coming from their property.

### **New Business/Budgets for FY 2016-2017:**

Chief Campbell is responsible for overseeing and submitting budget proposals for the operations of the Police, Communications & Dispatch and the Animal Control budgets. The Emergency Management piece is handled by Ken Koval.

The breakdown of all three budgets is as follows:

Police	\$1,091,420	or a 4.7% increase
Communications & Dispatch	\$ 298,654	or 2.1% increase
Animal Control	\$ 17,314	with no increase
Grand Total	<b>\$1,407,388</b>	

Contractual obligations and some operational cost increases are the primary focus for the increase to the proposed grant total.

At quick glance, the Police budget initially showed an increase of \$91,671. However, \$45,000 of that increase is in fact the transfer of funds already budgeted for one full-time officer, which previously was accounted for in the Animal Control budget. After discussions with the First Selectman's Office, it was requested to transfer this salary from ACO to the wage line in the Police budget. The actual Police Department increase will only reflect any contractual obligations, against savings in gasoline for an actual increase to the Police Department budget of \$46,671 or 4.7% increase.

All of the actual increases are directed to the Wage account and the Tuition Reimbursement account. The increases to these accounts are solely due to contractual wage increases in the current collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Police union, which called for hourly wage increases in this fiscal year 2016-2017 of 2.75%. The hourly wage increase is not only shown in the annual salary increase, but will also account for increases in the annual holiday payout, sick buyback and on-call stipend. Holiday payout is better to payout now at a lower rate than it is to payout years later at a higher rate.

On budgets, under Police/Education & Training, we have only spent \$16.00 to date. In the past, line item has been consistently over, but not by much. Chief feels comfortable with the \$2,300 budgeted though. Under Police/Repairs & Maintenance/Other, this line has also been consistently over, but Chief feels comfortable with the \$5,500. Overall, he feels comfortable with the bottom line numbers.

ACO building repairs come out of the ACO budget. However, he has not gone over as many good people still volunteer and help with fixes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Perreault to accept the budgets as presented and move them onto the Board of Finance for approval. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Old Business** – none.

**Monthly Report** – moved to next meeting.

**Communications** – none.

**Public Comment**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Perreault to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**