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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

Roll Call:

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

Commissioner Mone, Commissioner Mosimann, 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 Mosimann. to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business/Adult Entertainment Ordinance Discussion – J. Leifert:

Jeremy Leifert presented. Jeremy indicated that the liquor license and the adult-oriented entertainment license regulations currently on the books are separate, but share similar language. We need to establish an ordinance for Police Department oversight into the business operations of adult-oriented entertainment establishments. Planning & Zoning will deal with the location of an establishment and the Police Department will deal with what goes on in that establishment such as employees and owner's background checks, etc. Chief Campbell is in total agreement on this arrangement. It will be handled the same way a peddler's license fee is handled @ a suggested cost of \$150, one time only unless owner changes use or ownership. Fingerprinting can be done at a nominal fee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mosimann to table to the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. Motion carries unanimously.

NewBusiness/2015-2016 Budget Revisions – Public Safety:

Animal Control (K9) – as of March 31, we were at 70% expended in the Salaries & Wages line. We have seen an increase in the type and amount of dogs seized recently. The budget was \$57,769 and police

commission proposes reducing line item ##5-001-20-216-510-250 by \$2,000. New request for FY 2015-2016 is \$55,769.

Police – within the Salaries & Wages line are items such as vacation payouts, sick payouts, longevity payouts, shift differentials, etc. We can't change that. With Salaries & Wages/Overtime there are many items that affect this line as well. We have been consistent and conservative with the number we budget and have budgeted for four years (\$100,000). For the entire month of March, we have had an officer out on worker's comp. so the 62% expended as of March 31 has been blown out of the water. Chief Campbell, after discussions with the Board of Finance, reduced the overtime budget line #5-001-20-200-510-250 by \$20,000 from \$100,000 to \$80,000. Chief Campbell cited the Board of Finance in saying that if the Police go over the overtime line, they (Police) can just request the additional money at the end of the year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mosimann to accept Chief Campbell's budgets and move them forward to Board of Finance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. Motion carries unanimously.

Monthly Report:

We are back on track for the month of February. Medicals were rather high for month – no explanation. We will have a jump in court hours next month. Crimes Against Society (narcotics, weapons violations, liquor violations, driving under the influence, etc.) are down from last year. Total Investigations are up a bit – detective has been very busy as we had two extraditions. Pistol permits requests up a bit. Training hours for sworn personnel was 152 hrs. and for non-sworn personnel 28 hrs. The police sergeant attended academy class for first line supervisors, police officers attended EMR/defibrillator recertification, another officer attended NCIC/Collect recertification and dispatchers have been conducting training on dispatch protocols (Power-Phone response system), this being done on-line. This new Ambulance, Fire and Police total response card system is now set up and running.

Police personnel as of April 21 was ten patrol officers, one detective sergeant and two part-time patrol officers. The full-time police staff is currently operating with 2 vacant positions and 1 sworn officer out an undetermined amount of time for a work-related injury.

We have narrowed down our selection to two candidates – we will continue the process. We have been confirmed one seat in the 350th training class of the CT. Police Academy starting July 2, 2015.

Advertising has continued for CT. certified sworn officer in an attempt to fill the remaining vacant position.

Communications & Dispatch has three full-time and seven part-time dispatchers as of April 21. Full-time staff is currently working at that level with no absences. We hired two part-time dispatchers in March and April. As of this report, one has resigned and the other is continuing training.

The Department applied for and was granted a \$26,000 grant from the State of Connecticut through the JAG (Justice Assistance Grant). The funds will be used to purchase a 2015 police utility vehicle to replace the aging detective sergeant's vehicle (which has approximately 120,000 miles now). The current vehicle will be transferred to the on-call supervisor for official use. The current on-call vehicle will be removed from service due to age, mileage and repair costs.

The Department has also purchased a 2007 Ford F250 Super Duty pickup truck to add to the fleet. It was purchased from the State of Connecticut auction for \$3,400. The total cost for the vehicle after purchase,

equipment and paint was \$4,300. The funds used to purchase this vehicle were taken from the seized asset forfeiture funds. The truck, which is in great condition and only has 42,000 miles, will be utilized in many ways for years to come.

Old Business – none.

Public Comment – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mosimann to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.