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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Commissioner Mone, Commissioner Mosimann and 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 Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mosimann. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Discussion – Rifle Policy:

Chief Campbell indicated that about a year ago, he put out requests to the business community for their financial support to help fund the purchase of new patrol rifles. He collected a total of \$8,000 from these businesses. Chief Campbell also indicated that with remaining funds, he was able to purchase the necessary accessories, i.e. lights, harness, optical sights, etc.

The purpose of the Rifle Policy is to provide guidelines for training and deployment of a patrol rifle to members of the police department. Only those police officers who have successfully completed the established training course for the patrol rifle shall be authorized to carry them. The policy details the equipment – Stag Arms 15 Carbine 5.56 mm rifle and Sig Arms .223 rifle (older model). They are equipped with a 20-30 round magazine, sling and, if/when available, a sighting system and tactical flashlight. The policy also explains the maintenance of these rifles. Each officer is responsible for keeping the rifle within their assigned cruiser in operational order. They are responsible for the routine

cleaning and maintenance. The policy explains different situations in which these rifles could/should be used.

Commissioner Mosimann asked what the weapon retention is. Chief Campbell said this is a situation where the officer's handgun can be taken from him in an altercation with suspect. The officer is trained to regain retention of weapon if taken. Commissioner Mosimann also wanted to know how this policy is disseminated to the officers. Chief indicated that once approved, he will review with each of them.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mosimann to approve the General Operating Procedures for these rifles. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Mosimann asked if anything will be done for those business owners who did donate. Chief Campbell said he will send out a press release about same.

Old Business: none

Monthly Report:

Monthly incident numbers were reviewed and discussed. Chief Campbell indicated that trends at this point are low. Numbers for summer are low, but most likely we will see an increase come September. There have been quite a few of untimely deaths and man hours processing crime scenes.

June OT was down as injured officer who was out on comp is back.

We have received zero applications for certified officers. Commissioner Mone indicated that the State has now put in place a reimbursement policy for those towns who take officers away from other towns.

Chief Campbell indicated that this is the 5th year we have not gone over budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mosimann to amend the agenda to add "Purchase of 2015-2016 Police Cruisers". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

All officers who do private duty work, \$10 is given to the cruiser fund. Typically, the cruiser fund brings in average of \$12,000/year. We currently have \$32,000 in the account. Chief Campbell indicated that the 2013 Interceptor models have seen many problems. In shop more than out. So far, the 2014 models have worked well. We received a grant from the State to replace the admin's utility car. Det. Sergeant will get the chief's utility and detective sergeants car will be the on-call car.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mosimann to authorize Chief Campbell to purchase two (2) police Interceptor utility vehicles for a 36 month lease. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Communications – none.

Public Comment – Bob Flanagan applauded the work the chief is doing to secure new vehicles for the department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mosimann to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.