

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 AT 7:20 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN ST – ROOM 210**

Commissioner Present: Steve Larson, Nancy Blomstrom, Nick Cifarelli, Joe Cassella.

Commissioner Absent: None

Staff Present: Lieutenant Michael Strollo

Others Present: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum determined.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2017 and January 10, 2018

MOTION by Nick Cifarelli to approve the minutes as submitted.

SECONDED by Nancy Blomstrom. Unanimously approved.

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Larsen exchanged emails with members of the police department, town hall and the public works department over concerns of branched obstructing sidewalks as well as unshoveled sidewalks. All concerns were responded to promptly.

It was brought to the attention of Nick Cifarelli that there is a concern about employees of Dattco Bus Company crossing Sandbank Rd. from the company parking area in the early morning. It is very dark and a concerned citizen asked about possible lighting or crosswalk signage. Inquiries will be made and discussed at a future meeting.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Site Line Survey Update

Even though the extent of damage due to the recent storms has been significant, all site lines have been cleared promptly.

B. Safety Sign Update

Discussion was held concerning the repairing of the sign structures and maintaining the site locations of the signs. Lt. Strollo has contacted Rich Pruitt of public works for sign repair and Commissioner Larson will contact Jerry Sitko to discuss who is responsible for the upkeep of the plantings around the signs. The signs themselves will be inspected for peeling letters and general condition.

C. Sidewalk Survey Update

Following the numerous and severe snow events of the last two months, most sidewalks have been cleared promptly. Police responded quickly to sidewalk complaints and any issues were resolved quickly.

D. Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

All units have been placed in storage for the winter unless a specific complaint is brought to the attention of the police department.

E. Open Business

The Neighborhood Watch was discussed briefly, inquiring if it is still a viable program. Discussion will be continued with a member of the Cheshire Police detective bureau. The commission will continue to look into ideas for the fall festival.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Treasurer's Report

The current operating budget is \$500 with a remaining budget of \$500.

B. Review of Police and Fire Departments' Monthly Reports

Both the Police and Fire Departments responded to multiple calls during the past storms. There was an uptick in thefts from motor vehicles in the south end neighborhoods. Citizens are reminded to lock their cars. School security has been the subject of considerable discussion this month. A school security task force has been established with goal to implement the same security measures in all the schools. Cheshire High School participated successfully in the nationwide "walk-out" on March 14, to memorialize the students lost in Florida. School Resource Officer Sam DeCapua was honored as the Officer of the Year by the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce.

- C. Miscellaneous New Business
There was no new business discussed.

- D. Projects for the Future
No new projects were discussed.

- E. General Discussion
There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Nick Cifarelli to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.
SECONDED by Joe Cassella. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Benson