

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011 AT 7:20 P.M.  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Steve Larson, Nancy Blomstrom, Dan Marchitello and Lori Rusnack

Commissioners Absent:

John Harris

Staff Present:

Lieutenant James Fasano, Administrative Commander of the Cheshire Police Department

Others Present:

None

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

The recording secretary took the roll for the meeting.

**III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

It was determined that a quorum was present.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 12, 2011 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION** by Lori Rusnack to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2011 regular meeting as submitted; **SECONDED** by Stephen Larson.

VOTE: In Favor – Blomstrom, Larson, Marchitello and Rusnack  
Opposed – None

The motion passed 4 – 0.

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Larson stated that he had received a call from a resident on October 31<sup>st</sup> to see if Halloween was on.

The October 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Status Report regarding car seats was distributed to members for their review.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A) Site Line Survey Update**

Chairman Larson commented that the issue with site lines around Town currently has to do with the numerous trees and branches that fell during the October snow storm. Lieutenant Fasano noted that the Town Council is meeting tonight to decide about the storm clean up plans for Cheshire.

Ms. Blomstrom stated that there was a pile of brush in the street on Pleasant Drive at the curve, but it has already been removed. Lieutenant Fasano stated that there are still police officers working with utility crews tonight to get everything back up and running since the October 29<sup>th</sup> storm.

The replacement telephone pole laying on the ground at Jarvis Street and Highland Avenue, which may block the site line for lower cars, is still there according to Lieutenant Fasano.

### **B) Safety Sign Update**

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the Safety Signs were not changed again last month but will hopefully be done within the week. Chairman Larson suggested putting up seasonally appropriate signs such as reminders to clean your chimney, change batteries in smoke detectors, and winter holiday theme signs.

### **C) Sidewalk Survey Update**

The replacement of the brick sidewalks in the center of Town has begun. There was no report of other sidewalk concerns.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

The radar speed monitoring units being used by the Cheshire Police Department have been put away for the Winter season as well as the pedestrian crossing stanchions.

E) Open Issues

1) Bicycle safety hat distribution to students

Lieutenant Fasano stated that he did not have the chance this month but would contact a representative from H.D. Segur Insurance to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring florescent yellow "painters cap style" hats or bicycle helmet covers for distribution at the end of the school year to elementary students.

2) Linear Trail Crosswalk painting project

Chairman Larson stated that he still has concerns about bicycle traffic crossing the roadways while on the Linear Trail, as he has seen many not stop as they cross the roadway. Lieutenant Fasano stated that a bicyclist on the path would be at fault if there were an accident with a vehicle, while riding on the Linear Trail; the bicyclist should come to a complete stop when crossing a roadway. He also noted that there are signs on the Linear Trail warning users that there is a roadway ahead with a reminder to stop.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A) Treasurer's Report

An updated Treasurer's Report for the Public Safety Commission was available for this meeting. Lieutenant Fasano commented that \$ 500 is available for the Commission's annual program material budget.

Chairman Larson asked about purchasing more of the WHALE stickers, which are running low for handout during car seat installation and inspections as well as for handouts at community events. Commissioners suggested maybe waiting until the Spring to order more WHALE stickers; Lieutenant Fasano stated that he would get a price on the stickers for the next meeting, for Commissioners to review.

B) Review of Police and Fire Department's Monthly Reports

The Commission reviewed the October 2011 Police Department monthly report during tonight's meeting. Lieutenant Fasano commented that there were

approximately 1,000 calls for assistance during the October snowstorm. He noted that members of the public should not call 911 to ask the Police Department when their power will be coming back on.

C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

The State will be closing a portion of West Main Street from November 18<sup>th</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup> to replace the culvert and create the “island of refuge” for the Linear Trail crossing. Detours will be set up for all traffic but there will be access to all businesses in the area and the Police Officers will have printed directions for any drivers that need them.

With regards to the left hand turn lane at the Maplecroft entrance on Main Street, near Vespucci’s Restaurant, Lieutenant Fasano noted that it was re-paved but the roadway has not yet been re-painted with any turn lane markings.

D) Projects for the Future

There were no new projects for the future discussed during tonight’s meeting.

E) General Discussion

Lieutenant Fasano stated that there will be D.U.I. check points on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving in Town. He also stated the “Click it or Ticket it” campaign is underway by the Police Department for the next few weeks.

Lieutenant Fasano stated that during the recent snowstorm and extensive power outage last week in Cheshire the shelter was originally opened at the Senior Center. Due to the number of residents that came to the shelter, it was moved to Cheshire High School for the remainder of the week. Food, showers, a charging station, cots, a nurse and police officer were available at the shelter while it was open. At one point there was 80 –100 people sleeping over at the shelter.

The Cheshire Fire Department Open House was held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Fire Headquarters on Maple Avenue from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and went well, according to Lieutenant Fasano.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Lori Rusnack to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Nancy Blomstrom.

VOTE: In Favor – Blomstrom, Larson, Marchitello and Rusnack  
Opposed – None

The motion passed 4 – 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski  
Recording Secretary