

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012 AT 7:20 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN ST.
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Steve Larson, Nancy Blomstrom and Lori Rusnack

Commissioners Absent:

Phil Brewer

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 7:21 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 – June 13, 2012 Regular Meeting

Approval of the June 13th minutes was tabled until the next Public Safety Commission meeting.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners were saddened to report the passing of Public Safety Commissioner Daniel Marchitello and observed a moment of silence in his memory.

Chairman Larson distributed the May 31st and July 3rd Status Reports to Commissioners for their review.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Site Line Survey Update

Chairman Larson stated that he is not aware of any site line issues. He also noted that the Public Works Department appears to be keeping the Linear Trail trimmed back.

B) Safety Sign Update

Lieutenant Fasano noted that the Safety Signs were changed and we will be changing them again this weekend. He also said he would put the school is back in session signs in a few weeks, when appropriate.

Chairman Larson asked if the Public Works Department had done the maintenance and painting on the Public Safety signs throughout Town, with their Summer help, to which Lieutenant Fasano stated that he didn't think so and would put another request in. Chairman Larson noted that the tall grass was cut back around the Wiese Road sign.

C) Sidewalk Survey Update

Chairman Larson stated that West Main Street Streetscape project was almost complete. Lieutenant Fasano stated that the brick sidewalk in the center of Town and around the parklet at Highland Avenue and Main Street has been completed.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

Lieutenant Fasano reported one of the radar speed monitoring units is out in Town but he is not sure of the exact locations. He also noted that the radar units and speed enforcement around the schools will be enforced when schools re-open.

E) Open Issues

With regards to traffic calming efforts in Cheshire, Lieutenant Fasano stated that the Traffic Division is looking into possibly installing a speed table at Higgins Road at the Linear Trail.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Treasurer's Report

An updated Treasurer's Report for the Public Safety Commission was not available tonight but Lieutenant Fasano stated that the new fiscal year started July 1st and with no July Commission meeting, there has been nothing expensed. The Commission will again have \$500 to spend during the fiscal year.

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

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the July Police Department and Fire Department monthly reports were not yet available for review.

C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the "school zone" sign inserts that Public Safety Commission approved the purchase have been installed in all of the school zones in Town.

Ms. Blomstrom mentioned that she passed Senior Ponchos again the other night and their large, bright exterior lights were on and were a distraction to drivers. Lieutenant Fasano stated that he would contact the Prospect Police Department regarding this concern because the property is in their town.

D) Projects for the Future

The Commission is looking forward to the Fall Festival on September 8th and would like to arrange for the Enforcer and / or Convincer to be at the event. Lieutenant Fasano stated that he or the Traffic Division would contact the State Police to see about making arrangements for the Festival. Lieutenant Fasano informed the Commissioners that he thought there was going to be an event at Bartlem Park the night before the Festival.

E) General Discussion

It was noted that Dr. Phil Brewer had been appointed to the Public Safety Commission by the Town Council at their June 12th meeting but no one on the Commission has been notified of this appointment and they are unsure if Dr. Brewer has been sworn in yet or made aware of the Commission's meeting schedule.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Nancy Blomstrom to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Lori Rusnack.

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

The motion passed 3 - 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Recording Secretary