

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012 AT 7:20 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN ST.
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Steve Larson, Nancy Blomstrom, John Harris and Lori Rusnack

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Lieutenant James Fasano, Administrative Commander of the Cheshire Police Department

Others Present:

Andy Falvey, Town Council Liaison

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 – October 10, 2012 Regular Meeting

MOTION by Lori Rusnack to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2012 regular meetings as submitted; **SECONDED** by Nancy Blomstrom.

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

The motion passed 4 – 0.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Larson noted that Phil Brewer stepped down from the Public Safety Commission and welcomed John Harris back to the Commission.

Ms. Rusnack stated that she received a complaint regarding the streetlight on South Brooksvale Road near Avon Boulevard being out for several months; the pole # is 30K and is a SNET pole. Lieutenant Fasano stated that he would contact CL & P about the outage and noted that residents can report outages as well on CL & P's website. He also noted that CL & P owns all of the streetlights in Cheshire, whether they are on CL & P poles or SNET poles.

Chairman Larson noted that there is a streetlight out on North Brooksvale Road near the back of CVS.

Ms. Rusnack talked about conversations she has had with members of the public that are not happy and very concerned about the "island of refuge" on West Main Street. Councilman Falvey noted that the sidewalk area for crossing will not be completed until the Linear Trail work is finished.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Site Line Survey Update

Chairman Larson stated that he is not aware of any site line issues adding that it is still early for any snow pile concerns around Town.

B) Safety Sign Update

Lieutenant Fasano noted that the Safety Signs will be changed this Saturday. It was suggested that signs regarding lights on at dusk, wear reflective clothing, etc. should be put up next.

Ms. Blomstrom suggested wording for a new safety sign: Dim High Beams When Approaching Other Vehicles. Mr. Harris suggested: Be Seen, Be Safe

MOTION by Nancy Blomstrom that the Public Safety Commission purchase a safety sign that has reflective lettering stating: "Dim Your High Beams for Oncoming Traffic".
SECONDED by Lori Rusnack.

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

The motion passed 4 – 0.

C) Sidewalk Survey Update

Chairman Larson noted that the initially replacement brick work done around the main entrance to Town Hall looks good and was done with brick pavers.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

Lieutenant Fasano reported that the radar speed monitoring units are put away for the winter. He stated that there have been some speeding complaints on Mountain Road that the officers are addressing with running radar in different locations along the roadway.

E) Open Issues

There were no open issues discussed at this meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Treasurer's Report

Lieutenant Fasano stated Commission has \$500 to spend during the fiscal year on program materials and \$ 50 for reference materials.

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

Lieutenant Fasano reviewed the November Police Department monthly report with the Commissioners noting that there was a DUI checkpoint the night before Thanksgiving and that during the month 18 car seat inspections were done. It was also noted that accidents were down so far this year as are DUI stops. The November Fire Department report was also available for Commissioners to review.

Lieutenant Fasano talked about a new license plate reader that officers are trying out in Cheshire that scan license plates against a database looking for unregistered or stolen plates. He also stated that the Click It or Ticket campaign for seat belt use is underway as well as monitoring drivers for cell phone use.

When asked, Lieutenant Fasano stated that Cheshire Police Department's R.A. D. class is still in demand and has a waiting list. He also talked about the Cheshire Police Explorers program that was started this year. It is a very successful program that is run by Lieutenant Pichnarcik.

C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

It was noted that two stop signs had been added at the Marion Road / Mixville Road intersection so that vehicles stop now in all directions. Consolidated Industry had previously added a stop sign to their exit at that intersection.

D) Projects for the Future

The Commission is looking forward to the 2013 Fall Festival 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 to have these items at the Festival.

E) General Discussion

Councilman Falvey asked about possibly installing a flashing pedestrian crossing warning light at the intersection of Rumberg Road and West Main Street. Lieutenant Fasano replied that it would be a State of Connecticut decision because West Main Street is a State owned road.

Chairman Larson stated that new meeting dates for the Public Safety Commission should be set for 2013. Commissioners reviewed the upcoming year and proposed the following meeting schedule.

MOTION by Lori Rusnack that the Public Safety Commission schedule their regular meeting on the following dates going forward at 7:20 p.m.: January 9, 2013; February 6, 2013; March 13, 2013; April 10, 2013; May 8, 2013; June 12, 2013; August 14, 2013; September 11, 2013; October 9, 2013; November 13, 2013; December 11, 2013 and January 8, 2014. **SECONDED** by Nancy Blomstrom.

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

The motion passed 4 – 0.

Councilman Falvey expressed his appreciation to the members of the Public Safety Commission for all the work that they do, on behalf of himself, Town Council Chairman Tim Slocum and the members of the community. He added that he hopes this Commission continues to make Cheshire a better place as we move forward into the New Year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Lori Rusnack to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Nancy Blomstrom.

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

The motion passed 4 - 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Recording Secretary