

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013 AT 7:20 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN ST.
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Stephen Larson, Nancy Blomstrom, Lisa DeAngelo, and Lori Rusnack

Commissioners Absent:

John Harris

Staff Present:

Lieutenant James Fasano, Administrative Commander of the Cheshire Police Department

Others Present:

Town Council Liaison Andy Falvey

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 7:22 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 – March 13, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION by Lori Rusnack to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2013 regular meeting as submitted; **SECONDED** by Lisa DeAngelo.

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

The motion passed 3 – 0 – 1

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

It was mentioned that there was a Freedom of Information complaint filed with the Town regarding the posting of the Public Safety Commission minutes being posting within the 7 day time limit. Lieutenant Fasano stated that going forward this would not be an issue.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Site Line Survey Update

Chairman Larson stated that he is not aware of any site line issues at this time but added that trees and bushes are starting to grow in and should be watched. He also mentioned that lately there seems to be a lot of sandwich board style signs outside of local businesses that may be a sight line problem. Lieutenant Fasano stated that the signs are regulated by Planning & Zoning so he would contact Zoning Enforcement Officer Kehoss to take a look at the signs. Chairman Larson noted that he is all for promoting businesses in Cheshire but he is also concerns about the public's safety.

B) Safety Sign Update

Lieutenant Fasano noted that the Safety Signs were changed last week. He also showed the Commissioners a draft of the new Safety Sign that would be done in blue reflective lettering by Sign Pro of New Britain. Commissioners would like to keep the gun safety sign out, but rotated to different locations over the next few months.

C) Sidewalk Survey Update

Chairman Larson asked about the brick sidewalk in front of Town Hall that seems to be a safety concern due to frost heaves from the Winter. Councilman Falvey stated that the original brick sidewalk is over 20 years old and slated to be replaced; some emergency repairs were done as a temporary fix.

Commissioners noted that now is a good time for residents to notify the Public Works Department of any concerns they have with the condition of sidewalks in Town.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

Lieutenant Fasano reported that the 2 new battery operated radar speed-monitoring units with cameras are out on Cook Hill Road and Coleman Road. The trailer radar units and pedestrian crossing stanchions will be out next week around Cheshire.

E) Open Issues

There were no open issues discussed at this meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Treasurer's Report

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the Commission has approximately \$370 to spend during this fiscal year on program materials and \$ 50 for reference materials, after the latest safety sign is purchased. Commissioners talked about ordering more of the W.H. A. L. E. sticker kits for the Fall Festival with the remaining funds.

MOTION by Lori Rusnack that the Public Safety Commission would like to purchase approximately 200 W.H. A. L. E. sticker kits for distribution at the Fall Festival and car seat installations, with the funds available to the Commission for this fiscal year.
SECONDED by Nancy Blomstrom.

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

The motion passed 4 - 0.

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

Lieutenant Fasano reviewed the March Police Department monthly report with the Commissioners noting that there was a fatal car accident on Jinny Hill Road a couple of weeks ago that is still under investigation by the Traffic Division. He also stated that there are 2 new officers on the road with the Cheshire Police Department and informed the Commissioners that the Bike Patrol will be out on the road again soon, with the nicer weather coming. Lieutenant Fasano informed the Public Safety Commission that 2 police officers have been put in for a life saving award after responding to a medical call involving a 29 year old female. The 2 officers arrived and used their AED's to help save her life. Lieutenant Fasano noted that each marked police vehicle carries and AED.

The March Fire Department report was also available for Commissioners to review.

C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

None.

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.

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the Cheshire Police Department recently purchased 2 peddle carts that could be used with Ms. Rusnack's suggestion of having a demonstration at the Fall Festival for the public to use "Drunk Goggles" which gives a person the vision of a drunk person to realize how they can be impaired. Commissioners also agreed it would be a good idea to use these carts together with the "Drunk Goggles" at Cheshire High School to show teen drivers what it is like to drive impaired.

E) General Discussion

Lieutenant Fasano noted that the Cheshire Police Department is looking into purchasing a license plate reader through a grant, hopefully in the next 6 months. He noted that a license plate reader cost approximately \$19,000.

F) Conflict of Interest Review

Commissioners reviewed the Conflict of Interest Ordinance for Cheshire. Any conflicts should be reported to the Commission / Town and Commissioners should error on the side of caution if there is a potential of a conflict of interest.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Nancy Blomstrom to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Lori Rusnack.

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

The motion passed 4 - 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Recording Secretary