

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016 AT 7:20 P.M.  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL - 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET - ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Steve Larson, Lisa DeAngelo, Nancy Blomstrom, Nick Cifarelli and Joe Cassella

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Lieutenant Fred Jortner

Others Present:

None

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 7:18 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 – May 11, 2016 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION** by Lisa DeAngelo to accept the May 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes with a notation by Chairman Larson that the location should be Room 210, not Council Chambers. **SECONDED** by Joe Cassella.

**VOTE:** In Favor - Larson, Blomstrom, Cifarelli  
Opposed - None

The motioned passed 5-0.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no correspondences or public communications.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Site Line Survey Update**

Lisa DeAngelo stated there is a speed sign on Willow Street that is overgrown. Lieutenant Jortner sent an email to remediate this safety issue.

Chairman Larson noted the safety sign on Wiese Road is overgrown and stated he is trying to contact the appropriate person to remediate this safety issue.

### **B. Safety Sign Update**

Lt. Jortner stated the new "Lock It" sign is completed and is up on Country Club Road.

There was a discussion about keeping the safety sign relevant to this time of year.

### **C. Sidewalk Survey Update**

Chairman Larson stated the Town has made many improvements to the sidewalks and proposed putting sidewalks on the dirt pathways connecting the linear trail to the parking lots.

### **D. Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update**

Lt. Jortner stated he ordered a solar powered blinking sign for the linear trail on Higgins road to remind drivers to watch out for pedestrians.

### **E. Open Issues**

Lt. Jortner stated there were no issues at the Cheshire Sea Dog Road Race or the Memorial Day Parade.

Nancy Blomstrom stated a concern about mowers in the Pleasant/Cedar streets area who do not use safety pylons. Lt. Jortner stated the police will address specific complaints of this nature and they should be reported.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Treasurer's Report

A current Operating Budget for the Public Safety Commission is \$500 with a current remaining balance of approximately \$199.

**MOTION** by Nick Cifarelli to approve spending the remaining Public Safety Commission budget of \$199 to purchase safety magnets similar in style and quantity to last year. The magnets will be distributed at the Fall Festival.

SECONDED by Joe Cassella.

VOTE: In Favor - Larson, Blomstrom, DeAngelo  
Opposed - None

The motioned passed 5-0.

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

Lt. Jortner distributed and reviewed the Cheshire Police and Fire Department Monthly reports for May.

C. Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

Lt. Jortner stated the Cheshire Police Department will be holding a Special Needs Awareness Day at the Police Department on June 18, 2016.

D. Projects for the Future

Chairman Larson stated the maintenance of the plantings around the safety signs has become an issue and proposed setting procurement of illuminated signs as a goal for next year.

E. General Discussion

Lisa DeAngelo stated she has seen recent posts on Facebook that seem to indicate a lack of connection between the community and the Police Department. Lt. Jortner stated he was unaware of this perception and explained that information involving police matters can not be posted to Facebook or any social media without proper vetting and investigation.

Lisa DeAngelo stated the "Coffee with a Cop" at the Senior Center was a success and perhaps similar programs can be made available during the evening for other members of the community.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Nancy Blomstrom to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. **SECONDED** by Nick Cifarelli.

VOTE:        In Favor - Larson, DeAngelo and Cassella  
              Opposed - None

Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Gill  
Recording Secretary