

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
15 October 2008**

**CTO**

Commissioner Matthew Mason called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Ketley and Christopher Weldon, Chief Kulhawik, Captains Crosby and Lombardo and Claire Furano. Also present was Kara O'Connor of the *Villager*.

**MINUTES**

A motion made by Commissioner Ketley and seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting passed 3-0.

**DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports. It was noted that EMS assists are currently down from this time last year. Chief Kulhawik explained that the majority of these assists are calls from assisted living facilities and these calls usually drive the numbers up. There is no real explanation for the decline in the number of EMS assists.

**REPORT OF CHIEF EDWARD KULHAWIK**

The Chief reported about the past month's activities as follows:

A) Several thank you notes were received from various people expressing appreciation for the work done by members of the police department and for their participation in community events.

- Thank you note received from DPW worker, Ken Jayne.

- Chief Kulhawik pointed out two notes received concerning the assistance of Sgt. Thomas Tunney, from town residents.
- Thank you note to Captain Michael Lombardo for his assistance.
- The Chief also brought attention to the letters received from Major John Roche of the Ridgefield Police Department, thanking Chief Kulhawik, Officer William Barrett and Officer Peter Trahan for their assistance while Police Chief Richard Ligi was laid to rest. The Chief also mentioned that Major John Roche would be sworn in as the new Chief in Ridgefield, on Friday. A contingent from the Wilton Police Department will be present.
- Thank you letter from James T. Aris, D.M.D. to Detective Kip Tarrant for assisting in collection of money for a bad check.
- Email reiterating a phone call praising Lt. John Lynch, Officer Shawn Frendt, Sgt. Rob Kluk and Officer Mike Tyler for the compassionate and professional manner in which they responded to a heart attack victim, at Rings End. The Chief noted these officers will be receiving commendations at the next annual awards ceremony.
- Letter from Chief Kulhawik, thanking Major John Roche for the assistance of the Ridgefield Police Department during the routine State truck inspection. Chief Kulhawik noted that these inspections are in response to the accidents that have occurred in town. The number of inspections will be increased.
- Linda Mitchel of Wilton Meadows sent a thank you letter for participating in the Annual Community Health Fair.

In addition, Chief Kulhawik spoke about the current session of the Citizens Police Academy. He is extremely pleased with the group and their attentiveness to the information being presented.

- B) The Board of Finance FY'10 Financial Projections, along with the State's FY'09 Budget Overview were discussed. The effects of the tight budget at the State level will trickle down to local municipalities. The FY'10 Town budget will be bare bones. Incomes were discussed and will be helpful in offsetting costs. The Chief pointed out that the PD is in good shape with the first quarter '09 Budget.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Traffic Issues
- 1) A discussion was held to address a resident's traffic concerns on Olmstead Road. A data study will be done to determine the speeds and class of vehicles using this roadway. Captain Lombardo and Lt. Bartek will address this and Chief Kulhawik will respond to the resident.

- 2) A discussion ensued on the use of Wilton roads for charity rides through town. It was acknowledged that these fund raisers are for a good cause but do create heavy traffic back-ups. The permit approvals will be reviewed closely and notification to the community will be published on the website and in the newspapers.

- B) The new procedures for posting of Public Meeting Minutes was discussed.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Executive Session to discuss internal personnel Department issues. At 8:15 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session without any action by the Commission.

At 8:20 p.m., Commissioner Mason made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Ketley and it passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Furano  
Recording Secretary

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