Chrmn. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Bill Bevan, Alberta Jagoe, John Mager, Sharon Marrone, David Rubenstein, Richard Smith

ALSO PRESENT:Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Rojee; Lt. Chila, Traffic Div.; M. Dion, BLC; D. Candido, Secty.

A quorum was present to conduct the business of the meeting.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS** - none

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS** – available via social media

**4**. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm**.** Jagoe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2022 as presented. Motion carried with Chrmn. Smith abstaining as he was not present at the April meeting.

**5. Consideration of Chief on Matters of Administration**

a. Donation to K9 Unit – Darlene Hultgren $50 – Chief Mello recommended the $50 donation from Darlene Hultgren be placed in the K-9 Fund for a future purchase of a K-9.

Motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve Chief Mello’s recommendation to place the $50 donation from Darlene Hultgren in the K-9 Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Money turned over to Police Department from Court - $192.00 – Chief Mello recommended the $192 turned over to the Department from Court be placed in the Officer Wellness Donation Account.

Motion was made by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to place the $192 turned over to the Department from Court in the Officer Wellness Donation Account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Unclaimed/Found Money from Evidence – (various cases) $587.37 – Motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to place the $587.37 in unclaimed/found money from evidence of various cases in the Officer Wellness Donation Account.

Comm. Mager noted when a law firm has funds that are unclaimed from a case, the firm has an obligation to turn said funds over to the Treasurer of the State of CT. He questioned whether or not the Department had an exemption for evidentiary funds or does it go out as unclaimed property.

Chief Mello stated he would look into that so he too has a better understanding and will get back to the Commission with further information.

Comm. Mager suggested this matter be tabled pending further guidance from our city attorney. He further noted when there is possession of money that belongs to a 3rd party, even if that 3rd party is not identifiable, after a certain period of time there is an obligation to turn it over to the Treasurer of the State of CT and there is a process to try to recover those funds.

Comm. Rubenstein and Comm. Marrone amended the motion to table item 9C (Unclaimed/Found Money from Evidence) based on Comm. Mager’s concerns. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Chef’s General Comments – Chief Mello explained the Department is exploring the possibility of getting a therapy dog which is something new in enforcement. He explained there are instances when an officer must respond to issues with people in crisis or have mental health issues and it has been found that a trained therapy dog can calm such situations. He added he is not making this request at this time but wanted to let the commissioners know this may be something to consider in the future and at that time would entertain discussion from this body on the matter.

Chief Mello informed the members that Officer Preto is leaving the department shortly and will be moving to Florida to be closer to his family.

**6. Report on Planning and Zoning Requests**

a. 3 Lot Subdivision – 238 Zion Hill Rd - motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Mager to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding 3 Lot Subdivision, 238 Zion Hill Rd. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Lansdale Residential Community – motion was made by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to approve the site plan for Lansdale Residential Community.

Comm. Mager asked if this site plan is dividing the property into 2 parcels as it reflects access on Lansdale Avenue as well as Bridgeport Avenue. He also expressed concerns with site line issues.

Mr. Dion (BLC) explained there are 2 separate parcels but there will be access to the residential area from Bridgeport Avenue as well. He added they will ensure site lines are cleared.

Chrmn. Smith stated when he first saw these plans a few months ago, he was pleased with the plans as this project is long overdue. He added the way they are building the residential community and the changes planned will make a big difference in that area.

Both Comm. Rubenstein and Comm. Mager echoed those comments and agreed the improvement is long overdue.

Comm. Mager asked if the Subway store and the liquor store in the front of the parcel will be improved and he was told by Mr. Dion that is in the discussion stage.

Mr. Dion added the façade on the Post Road will be new as well as Job Lot and Dollar Tree will have a facelift.

Motion carried unanimously.

**7. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to approve the following reports:

a. Special Investigations Unit Report

b. Detective Bureau Report

c. Crime Prevention Unit Report

d. Traffic Division and Licensing Unit Report

Motion carried unanimously.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Radar Speed Signs Request – East Broadway between Silver Sands and Surf Ave.- Chief Mello stated the Department had purchased these signs in the past and has one in stock but due to the cost of one sign, it is necessary to be cognizant of the fact they are expensive and not in the budget when considering a location.

Motion was made by Comm. Mager and seconded by Comm. Bevan to approve Traffic Division recommendation regarding the radar speed sign request for East Broadway between Silver Sands and Surf Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chrmn. raised his concern regarding a speed sign that had been installed but not hooked up on Wheelers Farms Road and it had been on the site for approximately a year.

Lt. Chila explained Public Works Dept. has been working with their electrician to get it powered up but there is a backlog of work requests in that Department.

Chrmn. Smith asked to what extent are those signs solar powered and Lt. Chila explained it depends on the way they are purchased.

Chief Mello explained the Department has been purchasing those specific signs if it is possible to access power. He added if there is not power available, then we would choose to go for solar. He added he understands Public Works list of pending electrical projects and he will look into the status of this work order to see where the request is at this time.

**10. COMMENDATIONS** – none to report

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – none to report

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Being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido

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