

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
LOCATION: AUDITORIUM/ZOOM  
May 4, 2022**

**Approve by the Board of Public Safety**  
**June 1, 2022**  
**Vote: Unanimous**  
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A **SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING** of the Board of Public Safety was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Attendance was in-person and by Zoom. The meeting was attended in person by Mayor Elinor Carbone, Police Chief William Baldwin, Police Captain Bart Barown, Interim Fire Chief David Tripp, Trinity Health EMS Manager Jeff Ganung, and Board of Public Safety Commissioners Darlene Battle, Glenn McLeod, Douglas Benedetto, Joe McElroy, and Molly Spino. City Comptroller Robin Stanziale and Commissioner Gregg Cogswell joined via Zoom. Drakeville VFD Chief David Maccalous was also in attendance. Tarringford VFD Commissioners Scott Mills and Gary Delmonte were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BUDGET APPROVALS:**

**Public Safety Miscellaneous:**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, the Board voted unanimously to advance the proposed Public Safety Miscellaneous budget, as presented at a total of \$1,857,839, to the City Council for approval. Mayor Carbone mentioned that Aquarion Water Company is set to acquire the Torrington Water Company and hopes to renegotiate the rates for the fire hydrants.

**Emergency Management:**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to advance the proposed Emergency Management budget, as presented at a total of \$39,863, to the City Council for approval.

**Fire Department:**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to advance the proposed Fire Department budget, as presented at a total of \$5,993,163, to the City Council for approval. Interim Chief Tripp went over the budget for the Fire Department, listing some of the areas in which he had to make some cuts. Mayor Carbone added that some of the cuts might come out of ARPA funds.

**Volunteers:**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod the Board voted unanimously to advance the proposed budget for the Volunteer Departments, as presented at a total of \$114,500, to the City Council for approval.

**Police Department:**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to advance the proposed Police Department budget of \$9,772,524\*, to the City Council for approval. This includes the addition of the Deputy Chief position for half the fiscal year as moved by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McLeod, and unanimously approved by the Board. Chief Baldwin read his memo into the record regarding the cuts that he had to make to the Police Department budget and the reasons why. Commissioner McLeod expressed his concerns about not having a succession plan for the Police Department and said that the Board should put the Deputy Chief's position back into the budget.

**Animal Control:**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner Spino, the Board voted unanimously to advance the proposed Animal Control budget, as presented at a total of \$358,113, to the City Council for approval.

**Traffic Division:**

On a motion by Commissioner Spino, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to advance the proposed Traffic Division budget, as presented at a total of \$541,948, to the City Council for approval. Chief Baldwin spoke about the age of the City's outdated infrastructure. He went on to say that this is something that will need to be addressed soon, mentioning some specific street lights that need attention.

**Police Department:**

On a motion by Commissioner Benedetto, seconded by Commissioner McElroy, the Board voted unanimously to correct the proposed Police Department Budget to \*\$9,889,524 to accurately reflect the Deputy Chief's position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Benedetto, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
Heather Abraham, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:

*Carol L Anderson*