

**TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
FY 2022-2023 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
April 12, 2022**

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Legislative Council budget deliberations were held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, electronically, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called out of recess at 6:05 P.M. by Council President Dominique Baez.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dominique Baez	Cory O'Brien
	Katie Kiely	Jeron Alston (after roll call)
	Sarah Gallagher	Adrian Webber
	Abdul Osmanu	Laurie Sweet
	Ted Stevens	Lesley DeNardis
	Kristen Zaehring	Justin Farmer (after roll call)
	Marjorie Bonadies	Paula Irvin (after roll call)
	Betty Wetmore	

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PRESIDING: Dominique Baez, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Curtis Eatman, Finance Director; Rick Galarza, Deputy Finance Director; Sue Gruen, Town Attorney, Phil Goodwin, Purchasing Agent

Purchasing presentation given by Purchasing Agent Phil Goodwin:

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/5765/2022-Purchasing-Presentation-to-LC>

Mr. Goodwin explained some of the increases using copy paper as an example of what we used to pay and what is now being charged. There was discussion on Gas, Diesel and Fuel with Mr. Goodwin saying his budgeted prices are "before war" prices and that they have until August 1st to lock in the prices.

Mr. Goodwin gave the following recommendations: Buy copiers rather than lease. This would be a \$100,000 to \$150,000 savings over 5 years. Cancel newspaper subscriptions and go digital. This is a savings of \$800-\$1,000. Go to a cell phone shared plan which is about \$1,000 savings over a year.

There was some vehicle sale revenue discussion. Mr. Goodwin said he could try to get an estimate. He thinks optimistically \$20,000 to \$30,000.

There was then some discussion on vehicles, copiers, water coolers and the bid process.

There was discussion on the Town and BOE sharing expenses. Mr. Goodwin said the BOE is part of our purchasing process for electricity and gas but pay their own. He said they buy paper and supplies from the same contract, but their copiers are on a different cycle than the Town's. Ms. Baez asked when he thought they could get on the same contract plan and asked if he could maybe put it in the 5 year plan they asked for.

Ms. Baez asked about buying things along with other Towns for savings using the bullet proof vests for the police departments as an example. Mr. Goodwin said he doesn't think they've ever done that and that they may not buy the same vests but it's a conversation to be had. Ms. Baez asked him to explore the P.D. and see if there are any savings to be had.

Mr. Stevens asked if solar panels have been explored. Mr. Goodwin said yes, we have some and get discounts on electricity for them. There was then some discussion on fuel and oil savings.

There being no further business Ms. Baez recessed the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta
Clerk of the Council