

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

May 16, 2022

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(Meeting starts at Time Code 01:53:55)

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A meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held on Monday, May 16, 2022 electronically via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 8:39 P.M. by the Vice-Chair, Abdul Osmanu.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdul Osmanu, Vice-Chair; Laurie Sweet; Justin Farmer; Betty Wetmore; Cory O'Brien; Marjorie Bonadies; Adrian Webber, Chair was present but Vice-Chair ran the meeting

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened at 8:39pm and closed at 8:40pm with no speakers

PUBLIC INPUT: None

The following items were addressed:

1. Order amending the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget – Hamden Fire Dept.

-- Moved by Ms. Bonadies, seconded by Ms. Wetmore. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer asked Chief Merwede if this will carry him until the end of the year. The Chief said he believes he's good until the end of the year. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

2. Order amending the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget – Hamden Police Dept.

-- Moved by Ms. Bonadies, seconded by Ms. Wetmore. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer asked the Chief if this would get him through the fiscal year. Acting Chief Wydra said that's his hope. He explained this is contractual of private duty for vendors. Chief of Staff Mr. Grace said it's also money we're reimbursed for at about 25%. Ms. Bonadies said it was funded at \$2,000,000 and asked if more than \$2,000,000 was used. Chief Wydra said Stop & Shop, the plaza and other vendors hired them unexpectedly. There was then some discussion on extra duty and how other towns do it. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

3. Order to accept a donation of \$7,098 from Hometown Foundation, Inc. to the Hamden Police Department K-9 Unit Gift Fund

-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer asked if we needed new equipment for k-9's. Chief Wydra said they've used the donations in the past to buy a dog. He said they're supposed to have 3 dogs and only have 2 currently and one of them is getting up there in age so they'll probably buy a new dog. There was some discussion on vet

bills, food and where the dogs come from. A vote was taken and the item passed with 2 opposed (Farmer) (Osmanu)

4. Order authorizing the Town of Hamden to accept and expend the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice

-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Farmer. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer asked if this would go out to bid. Mr. Grace said yes. Ms. Sweet asked how you can use previously bonded money and Bonding Attorney David Panico explained it. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

5. An ordinance appropriating \$50,183 for Animal Control vehicles and authorizing the use of \$20,000 of unexpended bond proceeds of the Town and \$30,183 of federal grant moneys to meet said appropriation

-- Moved by Ms. Bonadies, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer said he will vote no on all future bonding transfers if he doesn't get the PD bonding that he asked for earlier tonight. Ms. Sweet asked if this is something the administration is supporting. Mr. Grace said it's the perfect use for this otherwise they'd probably put it in capital and it would be new bonding. A vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Abdul Osmanu, Vice-Chair