



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Board of Finance

302 Main Street • Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475-1741

BOARD OF FINANCE VIRTUAL JOINT MEETING WITH
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

January 26, 2021

BOF Attendant Members

David LaMay, Chairman
Carol Rzasa, V. Chairwoman
Tom Stevenson
Barry O'Neill
Rick Swan
Paul Carver

Absent Members

In Attendance

Carl Fortuna, First Selectman
Matthew Pugliese, Selectman
Scott Giegerich, Selectman
Lee Ann Palladino, Finance Director; Treasurer
Michael Spera, Chief of Police
Frank Keeney, Chairman Police Commission
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

Selectman Fortuna called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Selectman Fortuna led the pledge.

3. Roll Call: All members present.

4. Comments from the Selectmen

Selectman Fortuna noted that with the permission of the Finance chairman, who was having trouble logging on to zoom, we should begin with the OS Department of Public Safety budget.

5. FY2022 Budget Review – Department of Public Safety

5. Department of Public Safety

Chairman of the Police Commission, Mr. Keeney thanked the board for the opportunity to present their budget.

Chief Spera commented about the mural that renowned artist Mrs. Anna Wilcox painted inside the Police Headquarters in honor of their 60 years of service to the Old Saybrook Community in 2020.

Chief Spera commented that this reminds us of the small town feel we all embrace, the innocence of yesterday, and that OSPD is not Old Saybrook's "Police Force" but rather that the Department of Police Services is part of the fabric of Old Saybrook's Special Community.

Chief Spera presented a shortened version of his PPT presentation from his booklet that he had delivered to the board of finance. This presentation of the OSPD budget included the budget category, line item number and name, total budget request, current budget and the difference between the 2021-2022 request and the monies allocated in the current budget.

Chief Spera noted a suggested future line item. Perhaps the use of a regional on-call therapist or social worker that other towns use might be beneficial. Selectman Fortuna commented that was something to be looked into for a future budget perhaps.

After questions for the chief, Chairman LaMay thanked Chairman Keeney and Chief Spera.

6. Discussion of various general government budgets

Ms. Palladino and Selectman Fortuna discussed the structure and staffing of various departments and budgets.

Selectman Fortuna gave a shout-out to Larry Hayden who made the virtual meetings possible.

7. Comments from the Selectmen

Selectman Fortuna thanked everyone for their attendance and especially the board of finance for their hard work and participation.

Chairman LaMay also thanked everyone for their participation and hard work. He reminded the board of the Saturday, 8:30 a.m. meeting on January 30th, 2021.

This meeting was recorded on the Town's YouTube video website.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Mr. Swan at 8:41 p.m. for the Board of Finance and by Selectman Fortuna and Mr. Pugliese for the Board of Selectmen.

Submitted:

