

Old Saybrook Police Commission/Board of Selectman/Board of Finance

Special Joint Meeting

January 6, 2020

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A special joint meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission/Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at the Old Saybrook Town Hall.

Present: Chairman Von Dassel, Vice Chairman Reid, Secretary Maselli, Commissioners Keeney, Shippee, Quish and Cortese-Costa were present from the Police Commission. First Selectman Fortuna, Selectman Pugliese and Finance Director Lee Ann Palladino were present from the Board of Selectman. Chairman LaMay, Vice Chair Rzasa, Thomas Stevenson, Rick Swan, Paul Carver, Donna Nucci and Barry O'Neill were present from the Board of Finance. Chief Spera and Lieutenant DePerry were present from the Department of Police Services.

I. Call to Order – Board of Selectman – Police Commission – Board of Finance

Chairman Von Dassel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, Chairman LaMay called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and First Selectman Fortuna called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

They led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Presentation – Proposed FY 2021 Budget

Chief Spera presented the 2020-2021 Budget.

IV. Discussion concerning the FY 2021 Budget

Board of Finance Vice Chairman Carol Rzasa thanked the Chief stating that it was an excellent presentation. She thanked the Police Department and the Officer for all they do, stating that it's a difficult job and thank you for your service.

Board of Finance member Thomas Stevenson asked if the Police Department still provides routine services that the public doesn't normally hear about.

Chief stated yes the Police Department still provides motor vehicle lockout assists, directs church traffic and responds to private parking lot accidents. He stated that it is nice to provide those services since it gives Officers a chance to interact with residents and visitors for a positive reason.

Commissioner Keeney stated that he wanted to commend the Chief for a well put together budget and a great presentation. Also he wanted to congratulate the Chief, Lieutenant DePerry and the Leadership team on the level of professionalism and training the Officers receive and present.

Vice Chairman Reid stated back when he worked for the Clinton Police Department firearms training was once a year at the town dump shooting into piles of dirt. He asked the Chief to explain what kind of training his Officers receive.

Chief stated that once a year a mobile firearms trailer is brought to the Police Department and the Officers go through live action scenarios which include daytime and night time firing scenarios.

Commissioner Shippee asked if Chief can fill an open Sergeant position from outside the organization with a lateral hire.

Chief stated yes that is something he will be discussing with the Commission soon.

V. Adjournment

Chairman Von Dassel made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Reid seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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