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BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE

AND

TORRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
AMENDED MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2010

On March 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. The Board of Public Safety Budget Sub-Committee and Torrington Police Department met in the Office of the Chief of Police at 576 Main Street, Torrington, CT.

Present: Police Chief Michael Maniago, Deputy Chief Christopher Smedick, Commissioner Darleen Battle, Commissioner Richard Zaharek, Commissioner Gerald Zordan

Motion was made by Commissioner Zaharek, seconded by Commissioner Zordan to enter into executive session at 5:40 p.m to discuss possible security issues or personnel issues that may arise during review of budget.

The 2010-2011 Police budgets were discussed as follows:

1. Discussion on how much overtime is incurred for background investigations for police applicants by Commissioner Zordan –item will be researched.
2. Commissioner Zordan questioned if using an atomic clock system instead of Simplex computerized system item will be researched.
3. Commissioner Zaharek would like to see PAL line item raised by \$500 since last year PAL received no funding.
4. Discussion on two new positions (police officers) bringing total to 85 sworn personnel.
5. Promotion of new Sergeant and Detective was discussed. Promotion to Detective due to the increased case load in Detective Division (980 cases in 2009) and promotion to Sergeant would be for a Sergeant to oversee central dispatch/act as liaison predicated when and where dispatch will be located.
6. Overtime discussed; Overtime last years was cut by Comptroller by mistake to \$628,000.00 from original \$655,000.00. Overtime for this year brought back to original level of \$660,000.00
7. Discussion on obtaining a grant for \$450,000.00 to upgrade radios from 800mhz to high band system which would allow for interoperability between police, fire, public works and campion ambulance
8. Discussion on current walkie-talkie radios that are malfunctioning at high rate and the cost factor to repair. Minimum expense of \$200-\$300.00; this is an internal problem that precludes the radio from transmitting.

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Traffic Budget: The increase in the Traffic budget was discussed and is attributed to new building on Winthrop Street. Expenses such as dumpster, maintenance of building, electric heat are all new costs which were never incurred before. This is the first year and we will have to see how building performs to see and gauge expenses for future budgets. No modifications to the budget were made.

Animal Control Budget: Discussion by all as to the maintenance of building cost increase (due to age of the facility). Commissioner Zaharek questioned building a new building. This question was raised previously by Safety Committee. Due to tough economic times, it is not feasible to construct new building but continue to maintain the current facility. No modifications to the budget were made.

Deputy Chief Christopher Smedick excused himself at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m by Commissioner Zordan, seconded by Commissioner Zaharek.



Michael Maniago, Chief of Police